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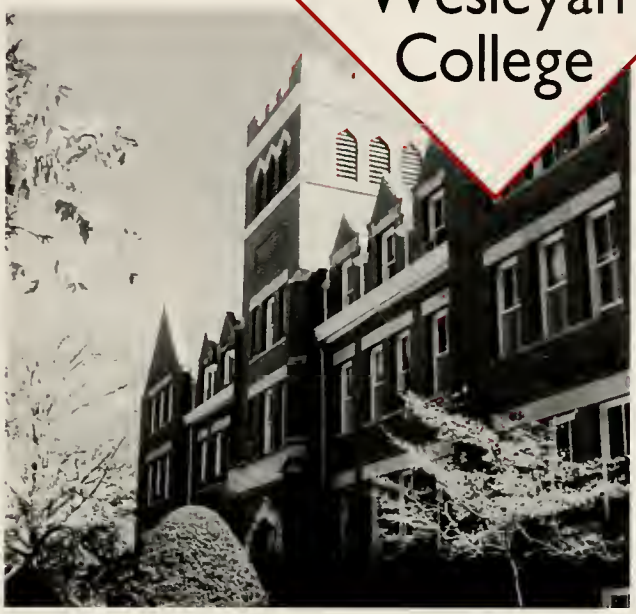
Wesleyan, founded in 1890, continues to proudly display its beautiful 80-acre campus. BELOW: Wesley Chapel; RIGHT: Lynche Raine Administration Building; and BOTTOM: Benedum Campus Center and French A. See Dining Hall.



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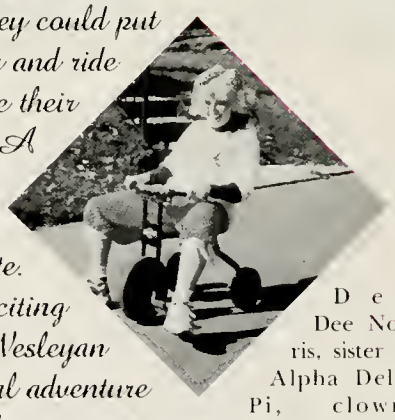
X-treme Fun

Wesleyan is a college that stresses the personality of its students, as well as their academic talents. Students are not one dimensional and Wesleyan did everything in its power to prove that. One walk down any dormitory hallway showed how well-rounded the student population was on campus. How many people can fit in one room was a frequently asked question as people hung out and socialized to relieve stress. Everyone did a little clowning around now and then. At times, many students wished they could put red noses on their faces and ride unicycles. Students tried to create their own fun on and off campus. A popular weekend outing was to Audra State Park or other nature areas within the state. CAB also held fun and exciting events for the students. Wesleyan students had their own personal adventure stories filled with fun events and crazy stunts. There was no limit to the fun that Wesleyan students had and created on campus, in Buckhannon, and in surrounding areas.



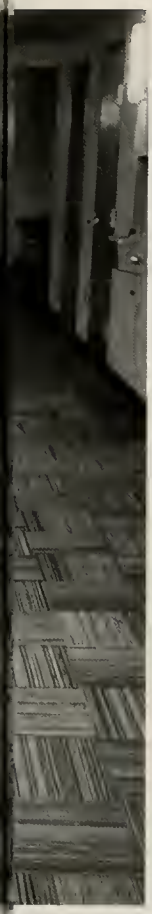
Dee Dee Norris, sister of Alpha Delta Pi, clowns around during the annual Homecoming Parade. The theme "Under the Big Top" gave Wesleyan's students a reason to dress goofy and clown around.

TOP LEFT: Kristen Holmberg and Santa (George Coyne) have fun entertaining the kids during Christmas on Campus. TOP RIGHT: Chris Long, Mike Carpenedo, Tim Hoellein and Rob Hardin play a little air guitar in the halls of Doney. BOTTOM LEFT: Wesleyan honor students enjoyed the view from Spruce Knob during a weekend retreat. BOTTOM RIGHT: Amy Walder and Brett Taylor experience the challenges of sumo wrestling during a CAB Fun Night.

X-treme Limits

In the midst of an ocean of stress and hardship caused by classes and tests, students were still capable of swimming safely to shore to stand on the sunlit beach, only once again to be assaulted by a barrage of activities and work. It is in these instances that the genius of the human soul was revealed — that students withstood these attacks and still strived forward to achieve greater heights. Wesleyan allowed some of its students to reach the outer limits through the many study abroad programs offered. International students helped to increase awareness of the idea that "it's a small world after all." The sports teams had equal opportunity to explore the extreme limits of their fields, as Wesleyan introduced the first girls' lacrosse team. In whatever area, Wesleyan students strived for and reached the extreme limits.

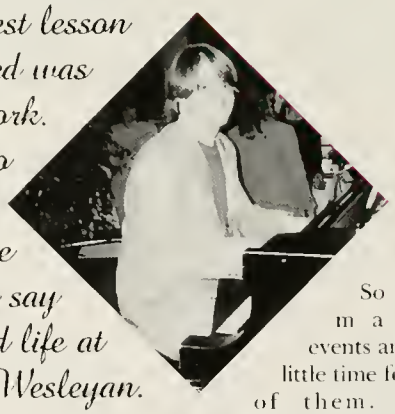
From the highest mountain to the lowest valley, Curt Wilkerson has explored it all. Spruce Knob, the tallest mountain peak in West Virginia, allowed Wesleyan's honor student to reach for the skies.



TOP LEFT: Wesleyan is a diverse campus bringing in students from all different cultures around the world. Yusuke Hasegawa models his traditional dress, the kimono, of Japan. TOP RIGHT: Megan Donellson, Dan Simmons and Ross Whitaker stand amongst the rocks of Stonehenge, during their J-term trip to England. BOTTOM LEFT: The girls lacrosse team reached the limits of the sports world this year as it competed in its first season. BOTTOM RIGHT: Wesleyan students gather at the edge of the Grand Canyon during their summer Indian Studies trip.

TOP LEFT: Chrissy Bailey and Melissa Dillon man the Special Olympics volunteer table. TOP RIGHT: Greeks join in the fun at CAB's popular Casino Night. BOTTOM: Singing sister duo Sarah and Yetta Williams perform at the MasterCard Acts Talent Show.

Members of Wesleyan's community continued to enjoy a variety of traditional events during the academic year. Campus Activities Board was a major organizer of the multiple events. Also, the Greek organizations and many of the independent organizations joined together to entice the involvement of the campus community even more. Life was more than studying and the biggest lesson Wesleyan students learned was how to manage fun and work. Traditional events aimed to allow all students to experience both ends of the spectrum so that they may say they truly experienced life at Wesleyan.



Events

So many events and so little time for all of them. Vas Shalashov serenades the remaining guests in the Chapel after the Homecoming Coronation Ceremony. That was one evening in a million that was occupied with campus organized events.

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Orientation

August 24, 1996

Sunny Buck was a nickname many freshmen picked up on immediately as they arrived for the first day of orientation. In true Wesleyan tradition, rain and dreary skies welcomed the incoming class of 2000. The smiles of anticipation on the faces of parents and students were brighter than any sun could possibly have been. The short days of orientation were packed with numerous events for the newest class of students and their families. In the midst of becoming assimilated to their new surroundings and new roommates, the students also had to find time to fit in ID pictures, academic overviews and meals.

A unique part of Wesleyan orientation focused on the freshman seminar group, which basically gave Wesleyan the nickname of Camp Wesleyan. The groups planned outings, games and meetings in an attempt to get to know one another. The three-day orientation culminated in the much anticipated Wesleyan tradition of the Wesleyan Olympics. Each seminar group competed in the famous events of dizzy bat and orange pass, among others, to see who would make it to the finals. Then the conclusion...Tug of War brought the olympics and orientation to a close. As the cars of parents pulled away, the campus community said, Welcome to the Wesleyan Class of 2000!

TOP LEFT: Freshmen compete in the Wesleyan Olympics during Orientation. TOP RIGHT: Wesleyan alumni serenade the incoming class of 2000 at Orientation Convocation. BOTTOM LEFT: Lines, lines, lines! "Do we really have to register for classes?" BOTTOM RIGHT: Where's Waldo? You may not find Waldo here, but you will find orientation leaders in the midst of all the freshmen.

Pizza anyone? Students are introduced early to the delicacies that await them at Wesleyan thanks to the annual community fair held on campus.

Olympic participants Damon Wilde, Alicia Sanchez, Trina Weishar and Julio Orellana use every ounce of strength as they compete in Tug-of-War.

Oh, the chaos! It may not look like it now, but if it all fit in the car, chances are it will all fit in the room.

Left to right, Lina Robinson, Amanda Myers and Jenny Hill smile through their tears when Amanda is crowned Homecoming Queen.

Katie Elderidge accepts first place honors for the Zeta Tau Alpha banner in the sorority competition.

Blessed Union of Souls entertains Wesleyan's campus with their music at one of the largest events this year.

Homecoming

October 12, 1996

Rain or shine did not make a difference this year during Homecoming as Wesleyan celebrated the reunion "Under the Big Top." The weekend of fun and festivities was kicked off with the Founders Day Convocation held on Friday morning. Later the crowds came with alumni flocking to the campus for a reunion. That evening the campus crowned the King and Queen — Frank Jordan and Amanda Myers respectively — while the fraternities, sororities and independents had their banners judged according to the theme. "Wesleyan Under the Big Top" continued with a royalty reception on Friday night. Tents were set up in the chapel oval for picnic meals throughout the weekend. The big parade kicked off under sunny skies on Saturday morning as clowns rollerbladed in between the circus of floats. The culminating event was cheering on he Bobcat football team as they competed against Glenville State College. The crowds left as quickly as they came, leaving current students anxiously awaiting next year's Homecoming celebration.

TOP LEFT: Bobcat players make a run for the goal in an attempt to defeat Glenville State. TOP RIGHT: Buckhannon residents line the streets to see the Bobcat spirit march through town. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the International Student Organization proudly display their Homecoming banner. BOTTOM RIGHT: The royalty court is presided over by the King, Frank Jordan, and the Queen, Amanda Myers.

Christmas

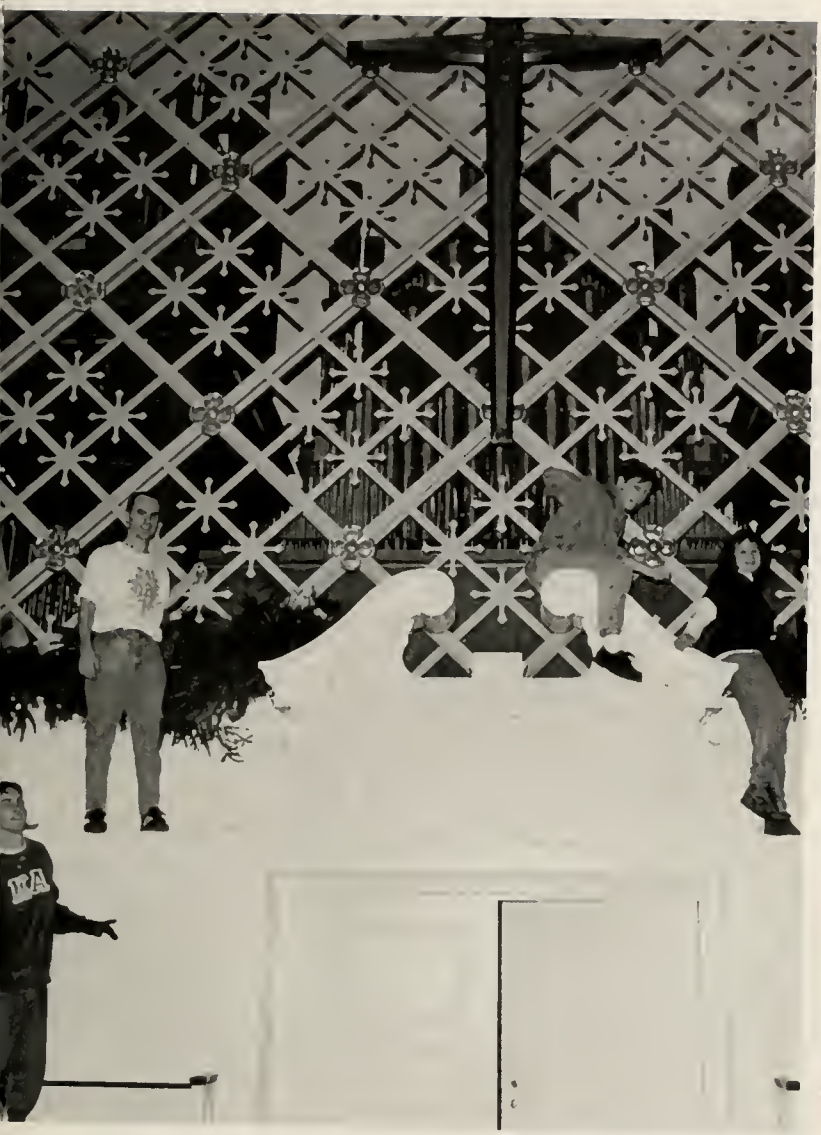
December 1996

Late into the fall semester there was always a string of events that brought the Christmas season into the community. Hanging of the Greens, Christmas on Campus, and Festival of Lessons and Carols were the three Wesleyan events which signified the approaching Christmas season. Hanging of the Greens was a campus wide event which was sponsored by the Chapel Office. All of the Greek organizations and Christian Life Council were active in the event and enlisted the support of others throughout the community. Everyone helped decorate the Chapel for the Festival of Lessons and Carols

Christmas on Campus was another activity which helped to bring the college and Buckhannon together. Approximately 200 Upshur County second and third graders came to Wesleyan to take part in the activities. While here the children met with Santa Claus, who also gave each of them a gift. Activities the youngsters could choose from included making pine cone bird feeders and marshmallow snowmen, singing carols, and getting faces painted.

Music and readings for the Festival of Lessons and Carols were provided by the Concert Chorale and other campus musical groups. Afterwards, those attending circled around the campus Christmas tree as the lights were lit, signifying the arrival of the Christmas season.

TOP LEFT: Gary Nichols leads a crew of helpers as they prepare to decorate the Chapel. TOP RIGHT: Bringing the campus together, Hanging of the Greens is shared by Greeks and Independents alike. BOTTOM LEFT: Jeremy Thombs, Joelle Rubino, Jaimie Peal and Amanda Myers help hang pine boughs. BOTTOM RIGHT: Santa Claus (Dennis Craig) asks a little girl what she wants for Christmas.



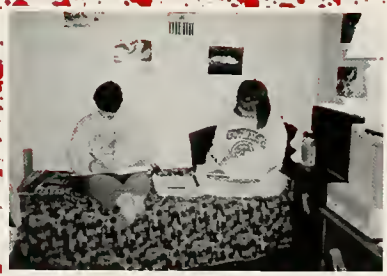
Kari Hudson, Ross Whitacre and Dan Gaughn share the true spirit of Christmas with some children during Christmas on Campus.

Taking pride in their paper chain, Spring Bailey and Rob Millwater spread Christmas cheer to these second and third graders.

Jonathon Pretlow and Romon Tavious take a minute to pose for a quick picture with their Christmas on Campus kids.

Bryan Baker, Courtney Gibbons and Beth Ranson take a break from their J-term studies at the groovy 70's dance.

Bombs away! Kat Anderson pelts passers-by with snowballs after her J-term class ends for the day.



Nikki Dean and Kayla Pagen spend most of their J-term free time preparing for their last semester at Wesleyan as a senior nursing major and a student teacher.

J-term

January 6-
24, 1997

TOP LEFT: Martin Silverstreem, Jeff Cook, Mike Bower, Bill Barnes, Todd Donhauser and Kari Levesque shop in Bulgaria. TOP RIGHT: Wesleyan students pose for a quick pic at the Grand Ole Opry. BOTTOM LEFT: Students in Bulgaria smile for their friends back home. BOTTOM RIGHT: Honor students, with Dr. John Saunders and Dr. Boyd Creasman, relax before leaving for England.

While the other schools are home on winter break, the majority of the Weslevan community chose to take a January Term course. With the decreased work load of only one class there was plenty of time to 'hang' with friends. There was also time to see the wonders of West Virginia and, for many, the world.

Among the options for this year's foreign studies were: Belize, Greece/Turkey, Bulgaria, and England. Students on these trips explored the culture of foreign lands which allowed them to share those ideas and beliefs with those who were back in the States.

No trip was complete without sightseeing and shopping. Students in Greece had the opportunity to stand at the base of the Parthenon. In Bulgaria, they visited the home of the cultural history, the Reala Monestary. In England, students visited Oxford University while the beaches became a main attraction to those in Belize.

For some, J-term offered an escape from Wesleyan within the United States. Some students visited the traditional New York City landmarks and viewed Broadway plays. Some students went to Pittsburgh and performed volunteer work in conjunction with inner city programs. Christian Education majors had the opportunity to visit Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry.

Those who stayed on campus also had a variety of activities to choose from. The Jazz Ensemble, for example, took advantage of the light class load in order to focus on preparing for its local performance tour and clinics. Education majors had a chance to test their skills in the classroom via a paraprofessional class; other students took advantage of the three weeks to complete an internship either around Buckhannon or in their home town. J-Term was not a boring three weeks and there was definitely something available for everyone.

Campus Activities

August, 1996
May, 1997

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) sponsored a variety of campus events throughout the 1996-97 academic year.

Many movies were shown to packed houses in Hyma Auditorium. Campus Activities Board invited numerous coffeehouse singers to keep the campus community entertained and comedians to keep audiences laughing for hours.

CAB even had the opportunity to host the musical group *Blessid Union of Souls* on Saturday night of Homecoming Weekend. The group performed such songs as its number one hit "I Believe", as well as other popular songs like "Let Me Be the One" and "Oh Virginia." For this year only, because of the renovation of the campus center, CAB was forced to relocate its events to a different venue. The activities that were formerly held in the Social Hall instead took place in the Jenkins Hall Back Seat.

CAB also sponsored performances by the students, allowing them to be in the spotlight as an alternative to the touring artists who usually perform here. The MasterCard Acts Talent Show competition, held in the fall, allowed Wesleyan students a chance to shine and brought forth some of the most talented students in the Wesleyan community. "Blessed," the winners of the individual school level, went on to compete for additional honors at the regional level in Knoxville, Tennessee.

These were just a few of the many activities the Campus Activities Board sponsored throughout the year to keep students entertained on campus.

TOP LEFT: Phil Lemire suits up for sumo wrestling. TOP RIGHT: Pete Meyer shows his giving nature by donating to the "Kiss the Pig" contest. BOTTOM LEFT: Students line dance to the sounds of an open air band performance during the early weeks of school. BOTTOM RIGHT: Christian Life Council members show off their musical talent at karaoke night.

Brett Taylor and Amy Walder are all smiles as they participate in the keg race during Fun Night.

Jared Luteran, Andrew Sulgit, Carter Lewis and Jen Foreback 'do a little ditty' for the crowd as part of MasterCard Acts.

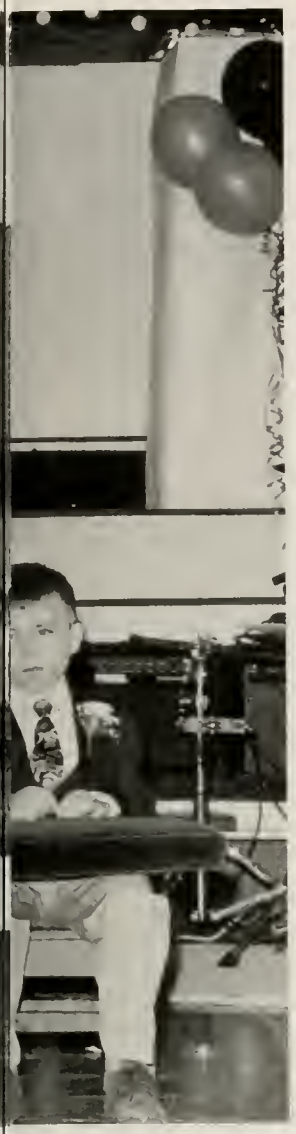
Lori Lee and Rebecca Bowers fill the chapel with delightful sounds of country music during the MasterCard Acts Talent Show.

Dressed in a rainbow of colors, the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi sing with their hearts, ready to claim victory at Spring Sing.

Betsy Meredith and Shad Wachter rate top honors as conductors at Wesleyan's Spring Sing competition.

Members of Loveshine bring *Godspell* to Wesleyan's stage in their colorful tie-dyed t-shirts.

Spring Sing



April 26, 1997

Ask any of Wesleyan's students, "What's the biggest event on campus" and they will almost unanimously say, "Spring Sing." In the words of a fellow student: "Spring Sing Rocks." Sororities, fraternities, and independents all joined together in one evening of music and fun. This major event of the year was well attended by the entire campus community and Buckhannon residents.

The Spring Sing theme was announced in October, during the Homecoming festivities. This gave every group an opportunity to devise its best program. All four sororities, five fraternities, and three independent groups performed using this year's theme, "Give My Regards to Wesleyan." Spring weekend was designed to coincide with the culmination of Greek Week.

Much time and effort went into the program. Leann Swiger spent endless days working behind the scenes assuring that the event went off without a hitch. All the groups chose directors who spent tiring hours preparing a flawless program. The participants themselves spent hours upon hours at rehearsals.

Finally the night arrived and it couldn't have been more perfect. The sun shined down on Betsy Meridith as she led the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta to victory in the Sorority Division, as well as over all winner. Shad Wachter and the brothers of Theta Xi drummed their way to victory in the Fraternity Division. Dennis Craig and members of Loveshine were thanking God after their victory in the Independent Division.

Broadway tunes echoed in the walls of Wesley Chapel until the next year's program.

OP LEFT: Queen Adrienne White and King Gary Nichols enjoy the limelight of their Spring Sing reign. OTTOM LEFT: Taking us back to the 50's with their grease lightning, the brothers of Kappa Alpha ove the victors as Greek Week Champs. BOTTOM RIGHT: Sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta, Ja'me ennev, Jessica Villela, Julie Bramer and Tara Carey, pose for the camera before their performance. TOP IGHT: Bringing alive the sounds of *Annie*, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha light up the stage.

Awards

All good things must come to an end. As the year drew to a close, there was still a bit of unfinished business to be completed. For Awards Day, Wesley Chapel filled with students and parents who were there to watch their sons or daughters be honored. These students were recognized for their outstanding efforts in athletics, academics, and extracurricular activities.

Every academic department honored students who were majoring in that field and who had performed above average in the past year. Some departments recognized several students based on different criteria. In many, if not all circumstances, the students recieved a monetary supplement to help them continue their educational excellence.

May 4, 1997

Many coaches held their own awards dinner for the team; however, the annual Awards Day was also a time for the coaches to spotlight the best of the best. They had athletes who went above and beyond the expected and deserved recognition by the college as a whole. It was this day that allowed coaches to show off their All-Conference athletes or the athletes who had participated in regionals or nationals.

Some students didn't excell in their major and didn't have time for sports. It was these hidden faces that guided the extracurricular organizations. There were students who were responsible for the effective operation of every organization, and on Awards Day they were acknowledged for their efforts. Greeks were also recognized for their enormous amounts of community service.

Greek or independent, athlete or scholar, recognition was awarded for extreme effort.

TOP LEFT: Betsy Chimock presents the Greek Week award to Mark Fair, president of Kappa Alpha. BOTTOM LEFT: Dean Mann stands with the juniors and seniors who comprise Wesleyan's 1996-1997 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. BOTTOM RIGHT: Accepting the Wesleyan Spirit Awards from President Haden are "Little Joe" Ruane, Rebekah Gulnac, Josh Rollins, Emily Hopta, Jodie Rose, Pete Powell, Jenny Hill and P.J. Musilli. TOP RIGHT: Tricia Arnold and Peyton Strouth receive the S W Bell Religious Life Influence Award by Rev. Mary Jo Sims-Baden.

Named Wesleyan's 1996-1997 Outstanding Seniors, Meredith Swisher, Lina Robinson, Amanda Myers, Gary Nichols and Tommy Schoffler were presented their awards by President Haden.

Receiving scholarships presented by Dr. Richard Clemens for their outstanding achievements in business and economics are Shelley Talbert, Kimberly Link, William Gadd and Bethany Williams.

Scott Olson, Carl Shrader, Tonya Phillips, Sacari Thomas, Courtney Plummer, Dan Merenda, Sara Bargeloh, Rob Christian, and Amanda Cline accept awards from Dr. Allen Hamner of the Chemistry Department.

Directors Erica Matchett and Jason Wilhelm converse with one of their actors, Dr. Chip Keating, during pre-show rehearsals for *Harvey*.

Tara Holtgrew takes advice from Adam White during one of their performances of the two-actor play *Oleanna*.

Holding an outside performance for the children, Beth Ranson, Karen Brown and Maryanne Wolfe bring their characters to life in *Wiley and the Harry Man*.

Drama Productions

OP LEFT: Portraying a sick man, Josh Rollins seeks help from the good doctor, Mike Mozer in the oduction of *Harvey*. BOTTOM LEFT: Jen Doer, Martha Elmer, Tammy Perkins, Jessica Villella and mie Waters entice the crowd during a performance of *Nunsense*. BOTTOM RIGHT: Technical Director on Irwin adjusts the lighting and sound at one of the many performances held in Atkinson Auditorium. OP RIGHT: Casting one of Mammy's spells is Lea Anderson in *Wiley and the Harry Man*.

Plays 1996-97

Traditionally the Drama Department produced two large scale productions per year, and in addition, there were several smaller productions performed. Most of the productions were student directed by seniors completing their final project, under the sponsorship of the Dramatic Arts Department.

This year started with a production of Shakespeare's play, *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream.* Work for this play started early in the school year so that performances could be held in late November. Wesleyan's version of the play took on a modern look. All the gypsies were dressed in tye died shirts and rode around on skateboards. The show ran for a week and the actors performed to a full house almost every night.

The second big production of the year was the musical *Nunsense* which was directed by Megan Pucillo. Casting for the show began during first semester so that rehearsals could start at the beginning of January semester. The cast worked long and hard to produce a show which again was viewed by a full house during all performances.

Oleanna and *Harvey* were two smaller productions but just as good as the larger ones. Both shows were performed in April following the closing of *Nunsense.* The actors of *Oleanna* had their work cut out for them because there was only two performers. Several students spent time preparing *Wiley and the Hairy Man* which was a play performed for all the Upshur County elementary school students. The last performance of that production finished just days before the end of second semester. Performed between the full scale plays were several One Act plays. There were a series of one acts produced first semester and another series performed towards the end of second semester.

Graduation

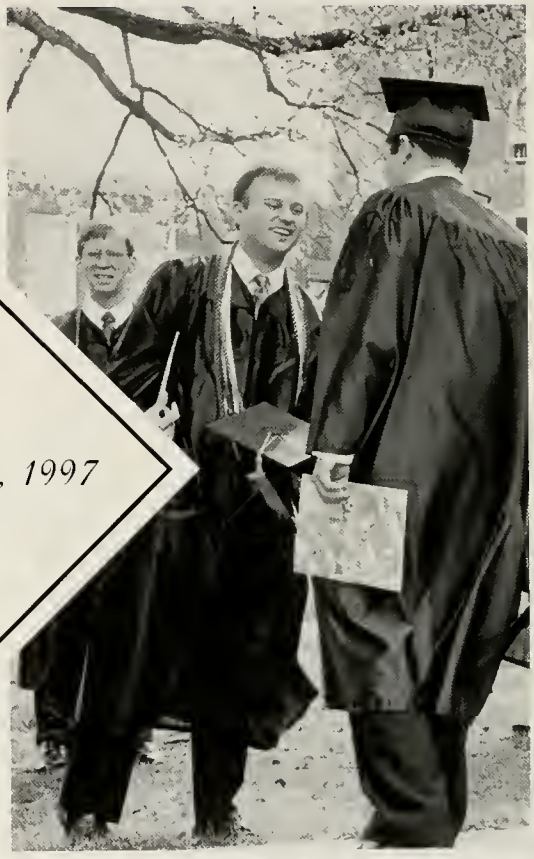
May 18, 1997

Who would have imagined four years ago that this day would ever come? It was a time filled with tears of sadness and smiles of joy. All the emotions that seniors were once sure of were now uncertain. Seniors had waited for this day to arrive all of their lives. Now that it was here, no one knew what to expect or how to react. Different emotions struck different graduates during the course of the morning.

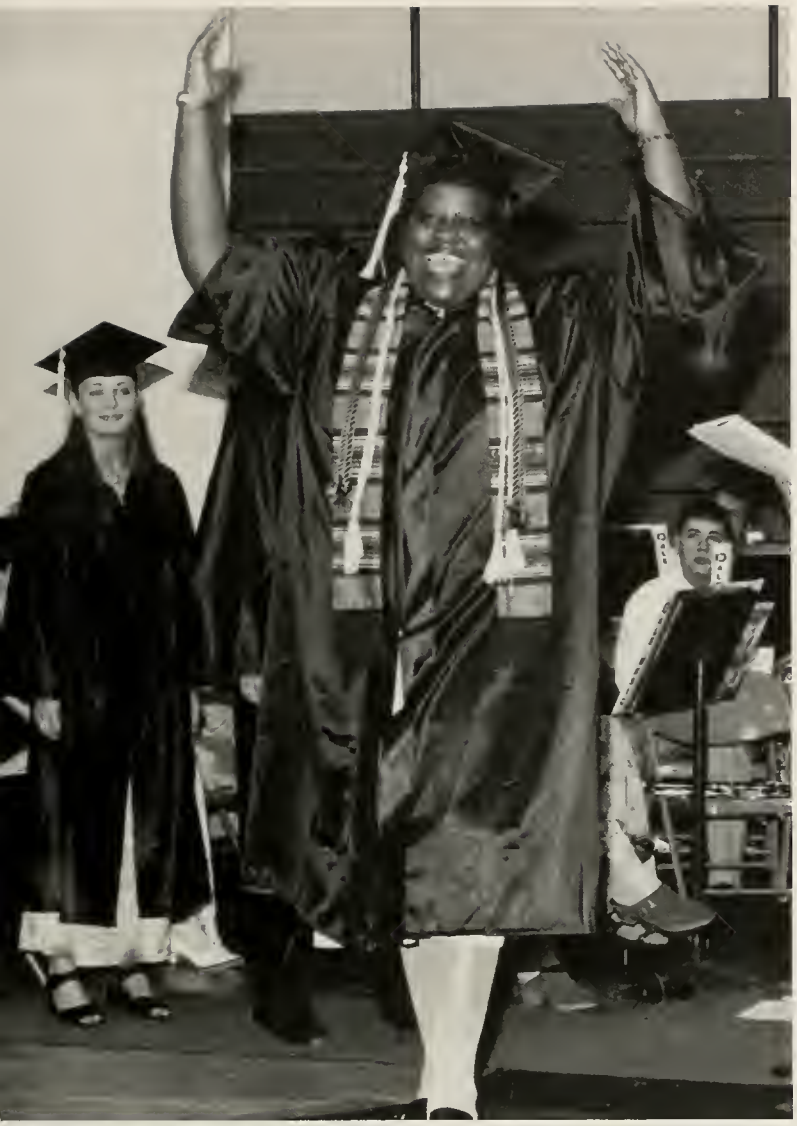
Yes, the day had finally come. On this day, seniors earned the honor of wearing their caps and gowns and marching down the aisle as the band played "Pomp and Circumstance." Each tassle was a different color which signified the graduates' major. As the caps with the tassle were pinned to heads, the band began to play. Smiles quickly faded and faces of fear appeared as the black gowned mass of graduates began to line the floor of the gym. The future of a new generation was about to begin.

For many in that sea of black, uncertainty loomed ahead. For others, the path to the future had already been paved and just awaited the last step. Whatever the circumstances might be, all students had earned the right to sit in that sea of black and carry their diploma out of the gym with them. Guests, such as Robert W. Edgar, made presentations and the graduates listened. Those who truly heard the words of the speakers would be able to take that wisdom into the future with them and hopefully use it to define the uncertainty that lies ahead. The statistics that Mr. Edgar brought to their attention should have been an eye-opening thought in their heads.

Graduation was not the beginning, it was not the end, it was the end of the beginning. The knowledge gained at Wesleyan would guide these graduates through the rest of their journeys. As the band played, *Sinfonians*, the West Virginia Wesleyan class of 1997 marched out into the world . . . THEIR WORLD!



TOP LEFT: Matt Gilmore and Rich Miller say their final good-byes to fellow graduate Trent Girard. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the Black Student Union pose for one final picture before they head for their new destination. BOTTOM RIGHT: Wesleyan's newest nursing graduates say a last good-bye to Scholar-in-Residence Dung Hee Suh (third from left) and Service Learning Coordinator Jean O'Halloran (far right). Top : RIGHT: Senior sports medicine major Cheryl Brown shows a great amount of enthusiasm as she ascends the platform to receive her diploma.



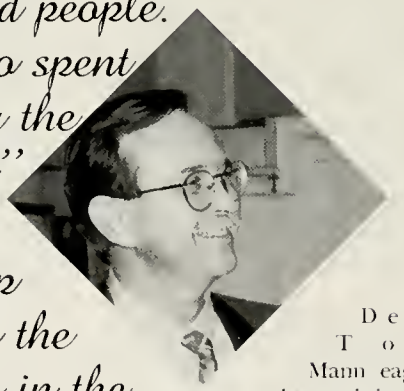
After receiving their diplomas, Sarah Melby, Silvia Nikolova, Sheldon Shoemaker, Meredith Swisher and Addie Wilson watch as the rest of their classmates receive their diplomas.

As the graduates and their families spilled onto the lawn in front of Rockefeller Center after the graduation ceremony, many hugs, tears and good-byes are exchanged before everyone went their seperate ways.

Enjoying the thought of becoming Wesleyan alumni, Patricia Kearns, Erica Horlbogen, Anne Kain, Katie Costello, Janie Rice, Megan Pucillo and Kelli Rowan gather together one last time before graduation.

Dr. Boyd Creasman, English department chair, experiences a little history during a J-term trip to England. Faculty members approach their role as students of the "ThinkPad" very seriously. Dr. Robert O'Brien enjoys teaching his class outside on the campus lawn on a beautiful spring day.

Faculty and staff represented a well-blended diversity of the human spirit creating a community-like atmosphere for Wesleyan students. In addition to classroom duties, many faculty chose to travel in order to share their experiences of new places and people. Wesleyan faculty also spent the year preparing for the "ThinkPad" experience, which would introduce laptop computers into the classroom beginning in the fall of 1997.



Dean Tom Mann eagorly anticipates the inclusion of computer technology within the classroom, as Wesleyan becomes a "ThinkPad" institution.

Academics

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West Virginia Wesleyan College challenges its students to a life-long commitment to develop their intellectual, ethical, spiritual, and leadership potential and to set and uphold standards of excellence. Firmly rooted in the liberal arts tradition and closely related to The United Methodist Church, the College is a community of learning based on fundamental principles formed at the intersection of Christian faith and liberal education: intellectual rigor, self-discovery, human dignity, mutual support, social justice, self-discipline, mental and physical wellness, the appreciation of diversity and the natural world, and the judicious use of resources. The College recognizes and affirms its interdependence with the external communites — local, regional, national, and global — and its covenant with the people of West Virginia to share its educational and cultural resources.

-West Virginia Wesleyan College Mission Statement

President of the College

William Haden

Thomas Mann
Dean of the College

Trina Dobberstein
Dean of Students

Mary Jo Sims-Baden
Dean of the Chapel

Financial Security

Wesleyan's administration has tried very hard to keep from having to cut faculty and staff retirement and medical coverage. Some families whose spouses are both employed by Wesleyan, like Lisa Arnold (pictured with daughter Kelsey) and Ernie Arnold, are dependent on Wesleyan's benefits.

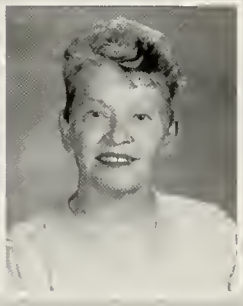
In the spring of 1997, Wesleyan's faculty, led by the Faculty Senate, took the initiative in helping to deal with the budget crisis of the college. Because of a three and one-half million dollar shortfall, the Board of Trustees asked for a definite plan of action to alleviate the deficit as quickly as possible. For two months Wesleyan's faculty met to discuss possible solutions for saving and/or making money for the college so the entire staff would not lose retirement and medical benefits. At the same time, the administrators met to discuss the budget for the entire college. The administrative officers supplied facts, figures and interpretations of a vast amount of material concerning student-faculty ratio, enrollment figures, tuition, expenses, and various budgets so that the faculty would have the latest information. Prior to the May deadline, the faculty presented to President Haden an extensive list of suggestions to study in order to assist the three-year plan President Haden presented to the Board that should place West Virginia Wesleyan College out of debt and in the black by the year 2000.

Nancy Alfred
Nursing

Sawne Armstrong
Graduate Assistant

Lisa Arnold
Residence Life

Arminta Baldwin
English



Anona Berry
Art

Michael Berry
Mathematics

Kwame Boateng
Political Science

David Burns
Mathematics

Stephen Cresswell
History

Kent Carpenter
Alumni Relations

Marvin Carr
Christian Education

Melissa Casto
Admissions

Elizabeth Chimock
Residence Life

Jackie Cook-Jones
Academic Advising

Herbert Coston
History

Phyllis Coston
Learning Center

Throughout the year, President Haden encouraged extensive discussions among members of Weslevan's community regarding the issue of institutional debt. Here, President Haden enjoys his first lessons on Wesleyan's new Think Pad laptop computers, which will be introduced to the freshmen in the fall of 1997. President Haden anticipates that the Think Pad project will encourage increased enrollment which would be part of the college's financial solution.

Ben Crutchfield
Library Science

Anthony Davies
Economics

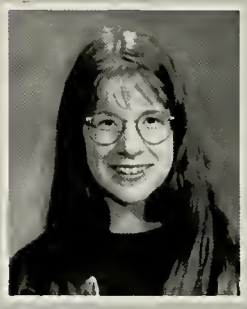
Caroline Dees
Music

Mark DeFoe
Assistant Dean/English

Alice Dillon
Learning Center

Richard Dillon
Residence Life

Gavin Donaldson
Athletics



Deanna Dunlavy
Chemistry

David Ford
Admissions

Tammy Frederick
Academic Advising

Jean Fuhr
Health/Phys Ed

Debora Garrett
Mathematics

Pamela Gillespie
Purchasing

Katharine Gregg
Biology

Anthony Gum
Business

Suzanne Haas
Learning Center

Honest Appreciation

The most important and dominant symbol on Wesleyan's campus is Wesley Chapel. The fact that Wesleyan's campus is chapel-centered has been most impressive to me. I can see Wesley Chapel from wherever I am on campus. Whether it be from Haymond Hall where I am teaching, from the library where I am doing research or from the dining center at meal time, Wesley Chapel stands grandly in the center of campus.

When I was at the University of Kansas, their chapel was very small and located away from the center of campus as was the University of Missouri. However, West Virginia Wesleyan's chapel is a large, beautiful building located right in the heart of the entire campus and student body.

I have greatly admired your chapel and your campus. I thank God for the opportunity to have been a Scholar-in-Residence and to have taught Wesleyan's students about Asian culture. The seed I have planted in the hearts of Wesleyan's students is invisible now but will be visible in a time when we can see the affects all together.

Submitted by Dung Hee Suh, Scholar-In-Residence

Educating American students about her lifestyle and Korean history is Dung Hee Suh's goal during her stay at West Virginia Wesleyan College. While here, she has had the opportunity to make many friends such as fellow professors Barbara Kean (left) and Anona Berry (right).

Kelly Hall
ESL

Allen Hamner
Chemistry

Arthur Holmes
Religion

Danette Ifert
Communication

Jason Jakubowski
Residence Life

Daniel Keegan
Art

George Klebez
Health/Phys Ed

Judith Knorr
Learning Center

Total Dedication

After surprising long-time chemistry professor Dr. Paul Richter with an appreciation party, senior chemistry major Trent Girard presents the retiring professor with a plaque commemorating his many years of hard work and teaching at Wesleyan.

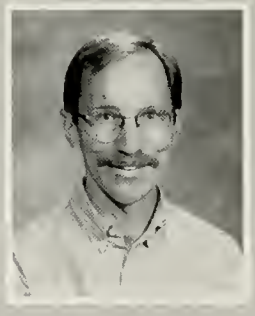
After getting up at the crack of dawn every morning, being on call after hours and working ten or twelve months a year, six of Wesleyan's staff and three of Wesleyan's faculty have handed down their case loads for a life of relaxation and no students.

West Virginia Wesleyan College said good-bye and thank you to Physical Plant staff members Jim Frey, Gerry Linger, Burtsil Quick and Betty Stone, as well as the campus bookstore's manager Arletta Mick and the campus center's switchboard operator Chris Moore.

Also leaving the campus but not the Wesleyan family were three outstanding faculty members: Nursing Professor Margaret Campbell, Chemistry Professor Paul Richter and Religion Professor Kenneth Welliver.

Some of Wesleyan's retired family members returned to teach on a part-time basis while some chose to travel, but no matter what path our beloved retirees chose, they have all touched Wesleyan's campus with their smiling faces and hard work for many years and will always remain outstanding members of the campus community.

Carla Krause
Residence Life



Michael Kuba
Counseling/Wellness

Beth Lampinen
Admissions

Alice Leigh
Academic Advising

Gretchen Lynn
Computer Science

William Mahoney
History

Laura Malessa
Admissions

William Mallory
English

Judith Martin
Library Science

Rodger McCormick
Biology

Irene McKinney
English

Helen Mellquist
Student Development

David Milburn
Music

Charles Miller
Athletics/Education

Jay Myers
Athletic Training

Kumaran Nair
Economics

Brenda Oldaker
Admissions

Amena Oliver
Inter-Cultural Affairs

Nancy Peterson
Education

G. Albert Popson
Physics/Engineering

Nancy Porter
English/Education

Craig Presar
Admissions

Sandra Presar
Communication

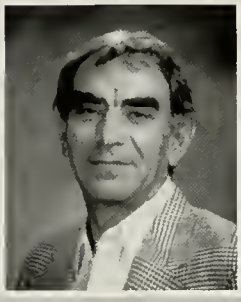
Cynthia Raffety
Education

Vijaya Rao
Sociology

Gerri Reaves
English

G. Paul Richter
Chemistry

Robert Rupp
History



Hamid Shaafi
Business

Herbert Sharp
Emeritus Club

Eileen Silbaugh
Admissions

Jeffrey Simmons
Biology

Wesleyan's faculty has been given one tough job. They must learn how to operate and teach with a lap-top computer in a very short period of time. Many long hours of hard work and dedication have been put into learning how to use the Think Pads efficiently in order to teach next year's incoming freshmen with the facilitation of these computers. President Haden discusses with English Professor Arminta Baldwin and Nursing Professor Margaret Campbell the progress of an extensive training session on the new lap-top computers.

Active Participation

LEFT: Many faculty and staff members volunteer their spare time to assist with extracurricular activities such as Political Science Asst. Professor Kwame Boateng who helps referee soccer games. RIGHT: As well as helping students outside of class, many faculty donate their time to advise students, especially during registration. Dr. Bob Braine, Dr. Kay Long and Dr. Barbara Kean discuss ways to better help students get the classes they need. The help of faculty makes registration flow smoothly and quickly.

James Smith
Health/Phys Ed

Margaret Stocking
Learning Center

Dong Hee Suh
Scholar-in-Residence

Jeanne Sullivan
Biology

Caroline Travis
Graduate Assistant

Scott Travis
Residence Life

Marjorie Trusler
Modern Languages

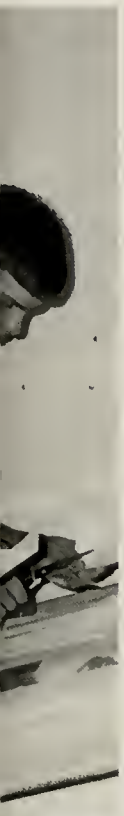
Kenneth Welliver
Religion

Tara Carey and Nathan Fetty work to complete the weekly paste-up of the *Pharos*. Chapel Choir's enthusiasm is catching during its weekly performances. Dr. David Milburn directs the college "pep band" during a Wesleyan football game.

As diversified as its population so were the choices available to Wesleyan's students who wanted to participate in group activities. Wesleyan's organizations offered experiences ranging from community service to religious life as well as the performing arts and academic honors. These groups provided students with additional enrichment away from the typical classroom and timeless textbooks.

Several members of Wesleyan's music honorary Sigma Alpha Iota participate in Wesleyan's 1996 Homecoming parade.

Groups



40 - 41 Christian Life
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44 - 45 Leadership
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Hard Work and Excellence

Far Right: Sophomore Cyndi Kolbfleisch donates some of her spare time in order to get the *Pharos* subscriptions in the mail on time. Middle: Putting the yearbook together takes a lot of time and hard work as Maryanne Wolfe displays.

Kappa Phi - Front Row: Caryn Charlton, Laura May Sorkin, Melissa Triplett, Chasity Pyle, Jenny Woodrum, Ellen Hawk, Christine Baker, Susan Chidsy. Second Row: Joelle Rubino, Maryanne Wolfe, Krisit Loftice, Missy Lauber, Amy Waller, Laurie Kimball, Tricia Arnold. Back Row: LeeAnn Peggs, Jodi Moreland, Carrie Schroth, Jennifer Moran, Tabby Moore, Sarah Smith, Katrina Woodyard, Mariah Bibby.

Christian Life Council - Front Row: Jessica Pond, Laura May Sorkin, Christine Baker, Maryanne Wolfe, Jenny Woodrum, Chasity Pyle, Ellen Hawke. Second Row: Sherri Baierl, Katie Alexander, Jodi Dalton, Grace Livingood, Leah Dillenbach, Susan Chidsy, Missy Lauber, Heather Tawes, LeAnn Swiger, Amanda Myers. Back Row: Gary Nichols, Sean Maher, Jeremy Hofer, Todd Moffett, Ryan North, Paul Musilli, Andrew McWilliams, Chris Tweel, Brett Taylor.

Loveshine - Front Row: Sean Mahr, Amy Walder, Sarah Warehime, LeAnn Swiger, Kristi Loftis, Amanda Myers, Matt Leventry, Matt Rhodes, Joelle Robino, Marcie Trebitz, Sherri Baierl, Tai Brown, Rachel Bell. Second Row: Allason Gates, Curt Wilkerson, Vicki Griffith, Missy Lauber, Maryanne Wolfe, Katie LeGros, Katie Alexander, Amber Elkins, Erin Snyder, Jeremy Hofer, Brett Taylor, Chris Tweel, Jessica Pond, Jessica Villeka, Jodi Dalton, Tricia Arnold, Tara Burdock, Leah Dillenbach. Back Row: Maryanne Warneke, Tiffany Neely, Mellissa Triplett, Jamie Baile, Dave Scoville, Natalie Green, Grace Livingood, Dennis Craig, Bobby Helmick, Gary Nichols, Carrie Scroth, Heather Tawes.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Front Row: Jessica Pond, Susan Chidsy, Brad Kauffman, Brett Taylor. Back Row: Stacey Curtin, Heather Thompson, Sonya Kemps, Ryan North, Paul Musilli, Rob Rhinehart.

Wesleyan Service Corps - Front Row: Sara Treat, Angie Sleath. Second Row: Meridith Swisher, Lisa Monchelli, Melanie Thompson. Back Row: Todd Moffett, Janelle Willey.

Student Education Association - Front Row: Beverly Richards, Kim Shull, Charlea Florence, Bree Hoffer. Back Row: Jill Collette, Gabby Thomas, Heather Thompson, Robby Rhinehart, Sarah Hanko, Amy Brown.

Math Honorary - Front Row: Jill Waybright, Michelle Hammond, Wendy Fiscus, Meghen Todd, Jenny Woodrum, Janelle Willey, Amy Brown. Back Row: Dr. David Burns, Eric Hott, Mike Webber, Derek Luff, Sean Wachter, Erin Ruegg, Katie Alexander, Dane Street, Chett Swisher, Matt Rhodes, Deanna Bush, Mr. Michael Berry.

Skill and Performance

Far Left: Performing at their fall workshop, members of Wesleyan's Chapel Choir sing their praises. This is one of their many performances they give throughout the school year. Middle: Giving up a Saturday afternoon, members of the band play to entertain the crowd and support the players at one of Wesleyan's home football games.

Members of Wesleyan's 1996-1997 **Concert Chorale** performed numerous times during the academic school year as well as in London during the summer of 1997.

Intervarsity - Front Row: Christine Baker, Phil Lemiere. Second Row: Sarah Rhinehart, Ellen Beckwith, Janelle Willey. Back Row: Blaine Seitz, Robbie Rhinehart, Todd Moffett.

Jazz Ensemble - Front: Ryan Rauble. First Row: Amy Thornton, Jenna Piper, Shawn McEnery, Michelle Hall, Duane Vasser. Second Row: Ian Helmick, Jenn Chilzer, Keela Pike, Maryanne Warneke. Third Row: Michael Indence, Jeremy McCall, Tim Holmes, Wes Wilson, Betsy Meredith, Holly Hartshorn. Back Row: Mike Webber, Todd Moffett, Mike Fisk, Scott Helmick, Chris Kaye, Dr. David Milburn.

Time and Dedication

Far Right: *Murmurmontis* Advisor Nancy Porter and staff member Stacy Nolan confer on a layout idea for the yearbook as the semester gets under way. Middle: *Pharos* staff members, Tara Carey and Nathan Fetty, work on the finishing touches of the school newspaper in order to meet their deadline on time.

Much of their spare time is spent gaining worth while experience in their major field of study by performing experimental projects. Who are these dedicated, hard working students? They are the **Engineering/Physics Club**

Residence Hall Council - Front Row: Tori Likowski, Nicole LeBosse, Jill Lemon, Misti Dowell. Second Row: Jennifer Jordan, Amanda Schey, Amy Mortensen, Amy Willong. Back Row: Sacari Thomas.

Pharos - Front Row: Andy Jones. Second Row: Mary Tolley, Emily Hopta, Cyndi Kolbflesich. Back Row: Nathan Fetty, Scott Helmick, Tara Carey.

Panhellenic Association - Front Row: Elizabeth Chimock (advisor), Kellie Papatolicas (secretary), Christina Liggett (treasurer), Janine Roberts (president), Sara Forsman (vice-president), Karen Brown (public relations). Second Row: Laura Scherler, Erin Albaugh, Amanda Haskins, Erin Hudgins, Jennifer Mahoney, Lori Cochran, Bree Hoffer. Back Row: Grace Reville, Rachel Davis, Connie Llewelyn, Deana Shirley, Kim Murphy.

Interfraternity Council - Front Row: Mike Davis (public relations), David Burgess (vice-president), Charles Thompson (president), Dan Bushey (scholarship), Elizabeth Chimock (advisor). Second Row: Jessup Thibodeau, Ron Coleman, Sean Heffley, Scott Babcock, Dan Overmyer. Back Row: Wes Harvey, Mark Fair, Eric Sparks, Dusty Foster.

Student Nurses Of Wesleyan - Front Row: Anne Webb, Katie LeGros, Stacey Therit. Second Row: Tai Brown, Kristin Porch, Dionne Williams, Nicole Dean, Sandy Reed. Back Row: Christy Alkire, Melissa Kostival, Lisa Reinhold, Susan Deems, Emily Skolnik.

Black Student Union - Front Row: MaKeise Faison, Angel Williamson, Maureen Mulima, Michelle Posey, Tamika Anderson. Second Row: Hope Dickerson, Caprice Pittman, Bambi Denmark, Yetta Williams, India Williams, Tisha McCray. Third Row: Lynette Matanga, Nicole Henry, Dionne Williams, LaShawn Boyd, Bana Jones, Ennis Alston. Back Row: Kevin Williams, Xarbrae Grant, Martia Woodson, Niesha Wright, Jonathan Pretlow, John Braxton.

Long Hours and Friendship

Far Left: Helping to educate young children, David Burgess and Tim Ruane, members of the International Students Association, share some of their culture with these elementary school students. Middle: Taking a break from her routine studies, Leigh Ann McCoy skims through some old yearbooks to get ideas for new layouts. Below: By the end of the school year the frustration levels are at their highest as displayed by *Pharos* staff members Scott Helmick and Andy Jones.

I-H - Front Row: Becky Hartley, Lori Wooddell, Becky Snyder. Back Row: Jodi Dalton, Christina Tabor, Wendy Cogar.

Campus Activities Board - Front Row: Helen Lewis, Tara Smith, Nancy Myers, Colleen Lenihan, Carrie Tamburo, Grace Reville, Christy Ellison. Second Row: Tisha McCray, Lori Casey, Christina Tabor, Alisa Lively, Ennis Alston, Erin Dorsey, Kari Dickey, Tamika Anderson. Back Row: Lou Mahon, Erin Johnston, Bana Jones, Bobby Helmick, Ryan North, Lisa Reinhold.

Kara Stump and Shane Pearce gently compete in the Olympic egg toss during freshman orientation. Underclassmen (clockwise) Jeremy Hofer, Katie LeGros, Grace Livingood, Leah Dillenback, and Tai Brown joyfully display a strong sense of Wesleyan community. Fall Saturdays find Wesleyan students cheering their Bobcats to victory.

Approximately 1500 students from 33 states and 27 countries come to live, study, play and grow in the quiet confines of Buckhannon and West Virginia Wesleyan College. Some seek a new beginning; others have a predetermined goal, and yet, others search for direction. Seniors stand at the summit of their undergraduate studies. Underclassmen are at various stages in the process; some are closer than others; some are more confident, but all are growing . At whatever stage students find themselves, all share this experience in an extremely friendly, family-like atmoshpere at Wesleyan.

Wesley Chapel, proudly centered on Wesleyan's campus, serves as a universal meeting place for all members of Wesleyan's family.

People

50 - 51	Seniors (A - Copp)
52 - 53	Seniors (Cos - Geu)
54 - 55	Seniors (Gu - Kei)
56 - 57	Seniors (Kim - Mus)
58 - 59	Seniors (Mye - Schm)
60 - 61	Seniors (Scho - Wal)
62 - 63	Seniors (Web - Zun)
66	Juniors
72	Sophomores
78	Freshmen

Senior sports medicine major Bobby Helmick fulfilled many long grueling hours with Wesleyan's sports teams. These training hours are in place of a senior project, but are not considered the easy way out.

Taking their studies the

Extra Mile

Playing Tic Tac Toe is one assignment most professors at Wesleyan would never even consider giving to their students; however, as senior mathematics major Derek Luff knows, doing the unexpected can be fairly normal during one's senior year of college. Derek had acquired an interest in the Game Theory through one of his economics courses leading him to research the game of Tic Tac Toe. Derek soon found out that there are over 1,000 game possibilities for Tic Tac Toe using the nine hole board, so he decided to focus the possibilities of starting from the center box, thus beginning his senior project.

All mathematics majors know from the start that they will have to complete a required senior thesis and presentation. This might sound terrifying to some people, but to seniors this is the expected. All mathematics seniors have to engage in a research class during the fall semester of their senior year, as well as a seminar course which follows. Their senior project consists of a thesis paper and a presentation. The paper is normally anywhere from ten to thirty pages in length; however, thesis papers containing over 100 pages have been submitted before.

The presentation, which is an explantion of the thesis and must be thirty to forty-five minutes in length, is given in front of the entire class as well as Dr. Michael Berry and Dr. David Burns, who are both mathematics professors. The students are graded by both Dr. Berry and Dr. Burns on professionalism, clarity, organization, uniqueness, theme consistency, and individual thoughts.

The senior research project is not a new concept to Wesleyan students. Majors such as engineering and dramatic arts require a presentation, while English majors must submit a work of writing and a senior exhibition is mandatory for all art majors. As summed up by senior mathematics major Kat Anderson, senior projects can be very interesting and are "your own personal adventure".

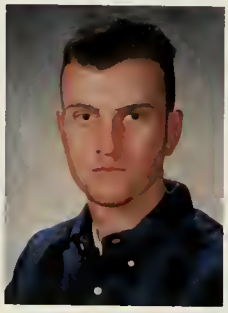
Senior English major Jennifer Darby consults with advisor Joan Harman during registration to ensure that she gets into her senior seminar class. Most majors require a seminar class that counts toward graduation.

Mohamed Abdelghaffer
Cairo, Egypt
Contract Major

Jessica Arneth
Howell, NJ
Nutrition: Dietetics

Ruth Barnes
Homer, WV
Nursing

Rebekah Beckstead
Pennsburg, PA
Biology



Alfredo Brody
Columbus, OH
Psychology

Chanda Brown
Oak Hill, WV
Sports Medicine

Jennifer Cochran
Buckhannon, WV
Psychology

Annemarie Coene
Reston, VA
Human Ecology

Patricia Arnold
Prince George, VA
Education: Secondary

Tiffany Arnold
Washington, DC
Psychology

Christina Bailey
Craigsville, WV
Psychology

Michelle Baldwin
Buckhannon, WV
Education: Elementary

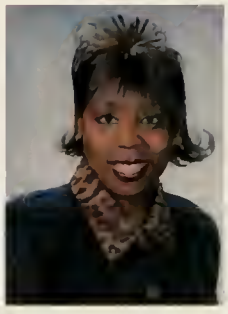
Sheryl Balzama
Carionsburg, PA
Sports Medicine

Mark Belzile
Chester, VA
Political Science

Stephen Benson
Buckhannon, WV
Music Education

Kristen Blinco
St. Albans, WV
Nursing

Brian Bollinger
Parkersburg, WV
Religion



La Shawn Boyd
Washington, DC
Public Relations

Jane Caldwell
Buckhannon, WV
Nursing

Shanah Carpenter
Buckhannon, WV
Education: Elementary

Mary Carpino
Buckhannon, WV
Nursing

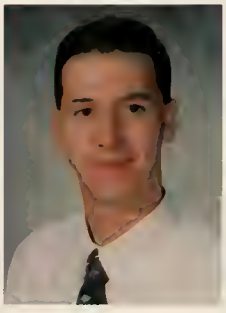
Joni Cayton
Buckhannon, WV
Business: Marketing

James Chastanet
East Andover, ME
Political Science

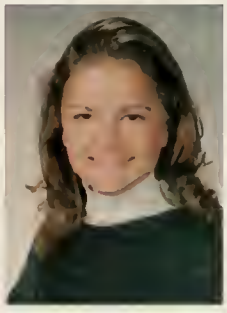
Christina Coffman
Richwood, WV
Biology

Latura Coleman
Kokomo, IN
Psychology

Jennifer Comtois
Medway, MA
Sports Medicine

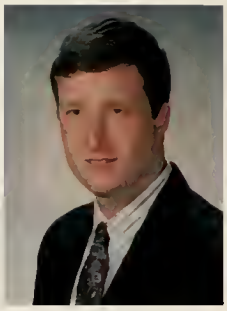


Marcus Cooper
Harman, WV
Business: Accounting

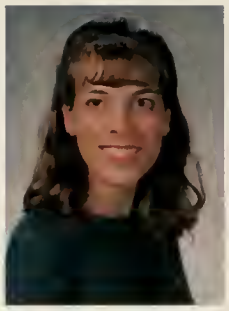


Tricia Coppinger
Lindenwold, NJ
Education: Elementary

Katherine Costello
Randolph, NJ
Education: Elementary



George Coyne
Alexandria, VA
Psychology



Shelley Cutright
Buckhannon, WV
Nursing

Candice Damiani
Buckhannon, WV
Biology

Jennifer Darby
Akron, PA
English: Writing

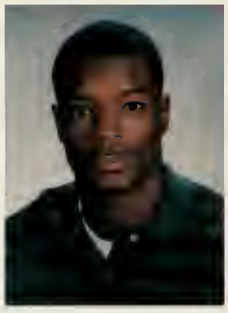
George Del Vaggio
Tyrone, PA
Business: Finance

David Denning
Huntington, WV
Chemistry

Edwin DeQuasie
Mineral Wells, WV
Computer Science

Franklin Dobbins
Daytona Beach, FL
Political Science

Thomas Donhauser
Eliot, ME
International Studies



Robert Epps
Akron, OH
Sociology

William Everly
Carmichaels, PA
History

Stephanie Fairbanks
Alexandria, VA
Psychology

Annette Fish
Waterford, PA
Psychology

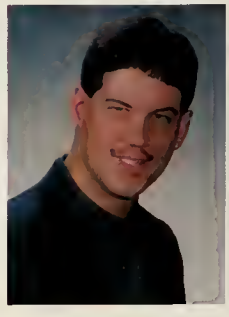
Warren Frazier
Charleston, WV
Biology

Matthew Gilmore
Pippa Passes, KY
Biology

Francis Girard
Buckhannon, WV
Chemistry

Ryan Glass
Keyser, WV
Business: Accounting

Jonathon Goshea
Springfield, MA
Political Science

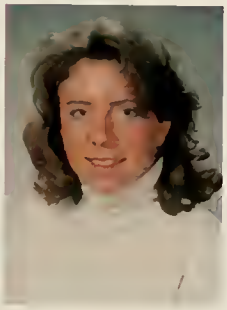


Troy Gourley
Marriottsville, MD
Music

Hollie Davis
Glenville, WV
English: Literature

Nicole Dean
Acme, PA
Nursing

Susan Dudick
Hudson, OH
Fashion Merchandising



Catherine Eldridge
Reston, VA
Art: Graphic Design

Stephen George
POS Trinidad W I
Computer Information Science

Jennyka Gilmore
Tenafly, NJ
Fashion Merchandising

Daniel Gregory
Mt. Clare, WV
Chemistry

Slavka Gevargnieva
Sofia, Bulgaria
English

Senior elementary education majors spend the first three weeks of their second semester in the elementary block room. Here, as Janie Rice demonstrates, is where they complete extensive projects and many lesson plans.

Gaining that extra Experience

Senior education majors, whether elementary or secondary, had their work cut out for them as they entered the second semester of their senior year. Up to this point, they had undergone intense preparation for student teaching and that big step into the real world as a teacher.

A three-week block of concentrated studies was required of the seniors before they could student teach in the actual classroom. In addition to these informative three weeks, senior secondary education major P.J. Musilli said that he also discovered helpful ideas in other places, such as the Virtual Schoolhouse on the Internet, in order to better prepare him for what was ahead. Dorothy Burr, who came back after fifteen years to complete her degree, found things to be quite 8different. She stated, "Everything is now focused on computers" but said she was managing quite well.

Every student put in endless hours working on lesson plans and Kayla Pagen, a senior secondary education major, was excited about writing her first exam. Kayla, like the rest of her fellow education majors, had her own reasons for wanting to teach. She said she "can't wait to teach science" and wanted to "show kids that science can be fun." Senior Tricia Coppinger chose education as a career due to a teacher she had as a child. She said her teacher gave her the inspiration to follow in her footsteps.

Ron Gill said he was excited about being a strong role model for children. Likewise, Michelle Baldwin's goal was "to be a positive part in the children's lives" so she could "open them up to the world around them." P.J. Musilli and Brian Brandish both said they would strive to make school a fun environment. Brian stated, "It's easier to learn when you are having a good time." Jason Depoy planned to teach elementary school children because he felt "it presents the opportunity" for him to "help mold the children and to make a difference in their lives."

The senior education majors truly accomplished their goals, allowing them to become the future teachers of tomorrow.

Senior elementary education majors Kelly Rowan and Jason Depoy spend one of many late evenings in the block room preparing for those ten weeks of student teaching

Many new friendships are made when people take extensive trips together. Freshman Elizabeth Morris and Senior Patty Hargraves discovered a friendship that will last a lifetime while they visited Turkey and Greece during the month of January.

J-Term provided many

Exciting Trips

Everyone loves an adventure, especially the seniors who took advantage of J-term's travel opportunities. Some of the students went to Greece and Turkey, where they visited the ancient ruins and learned about Greek mythology. One of the favorite visiting spots was the island of Rhodes as it was said to be quite picturesque. Another favorite, Olympus, home of the first Olympic games, was also a sight not to be forgotten.

Other students opted to go to Bulgaria for the month of January to be part of a host family in Sofia. They were able to attend lectures from fascinating speakers and they took day trips to different tourist sites. Still, other students chose to explore another area of the globe.

Wesleyan students visited Belize, which offered several different experiences. The students, several senior biology majors, spent a week in a tropical rain forest and another week at a coral reef. Many suntans were enhanced while the students learned about the different plants and animals. There were plenty of colorful fish spotted and the weather was beautiful the entire time the Wesleyan students were there.

Service learning was the theme of the Pittsburgh trip, which enticed many senior education majors. Their days were spent in several different agencies, including a rehabilitation center for stroke and Alzheimer patients. Another agency had an afternoon tutoring program for children and some students even got the chance to pack medical supplies. The Wesleyan students even enjoyed a trip to the zoo and an evening play.

Even nontraditional students had a chance to participate in an adventure. Senior Margaret Matheny and her class, Foundations and Curriculum of Christian Education, spent a week in Nashville, Tennessee. While in Nashville, the group took part in seminar sessions, listened to very informative speakers, and toured places such as the United Methodist Publishing House, the General Board of Discipleship, and United Methodist Communications. Of course, the traditional visit to the Grand Ole Opry was the final stop in Music City, USA, before heading back to Buckhannon.

One of the most astounding sights that students saw in Turkey is the Blue Mosque located in Instanbul. This is just one of the truly majestic architectural designs the students saw on their January trip.

Opal Gum
Camden, WV
Sociology

Toni Gusic
Martinsburg, WV
Public Relations

Krista Haught
Huntington, WV
Biology

Kara Heatherman
Cincinnati, OH
Art: Studio

Laura Holoski
Annapolis, MD
Education: Elementary

Kimberly Hoover
Buckhannon, WV
Psychology

Timothy Jamison
Pittsburgh, PA
History

Jennifer Johnson
Fairmont, WV
Chemistry

Edmund Hackman
Warwick, RI
History

Jennifer Hanna
Spring Grove, PA
International Studies

Sheryl Harbaugh
Pittsburgh, PA
Music

Patricia Hargraves
Brunswick, ME
History

Rebecca Hartley
Cairo, WV
Business: Finance

Bobby Helmick
Buckhannon, WV
Sports Medicine

Michael Hennanger
Pittsburgh, PA
Communication Studies

Nicole Henry
Far Rockaway, NY
Chemistry

Jennifer Hill
Beckley, WV
Business: Finance

Kristen Holmberg
Huntington, CT
Education: Elementary

Erica Horlbogen
Coventry, RI
History

Eric Hott
Springfield, WV
Mathematics

John Houck
Mays Landing, NJ
Business: Management

Bernard Huhane
Point Marion, PA
Biology

Christopher Hunter
Buckhannon, WV
Art: Graphic Design

Stephanie Jones
Brewster, MA
Communication Studies

Marla Jordon
Hacker Valley, WV
Business: Accounting

Vincent Kania
Danville, VA
Economics

Patricia Kearns
Randolph, NJ
Psychology

Sarah Kedel
Devon, PA
Psychology

Laurie Kimball
Bruceton Mills, WV
Biology

Krista Kinneer
Acme, PA
Biology

Kristan Klanchar
Belle Vernon, PA
Nursing

Angela Koon
Buckhannon, WV
Education: Music

Preslava Kovatcheveska
Sofia, Bulgaria
Business: Finance

Carter Lewis
Huntington, WV
Art: Graphic Design

Maria Lisotta
Pittsburgh, PA
Business: Marketing

Joshua Loeb
Prospect, KY
History

Ginger Loftis
Charleston, WV
Nursing

Zoltan Ludwig
Budapest, Hungary
Business: Marketing

Cheryl Martin
Buffalo, WV
Business: Management

Dawn Martin
Shinnston, WV
Nursing

Jeremy McCall
Somerset, PA
Contract Major

Matthew McClung
Canvas, WV
Psychology

Sasha McClung
Summersville, WV
History

Robert Millwater
Kensington, MD
Psychology

Ginger Moore
Rock Cave, WV
Sociology

Jennifer Moran
Buckhannon, WV
Nutrition

Jennifer Morano
Aiglen, PA
Education: Elementary

Timothy Mullen
Newtown, CT
Sociology

Eileen Letellier
Lowell, MA
Business: Marketing

Kari Levesque
Nashua, NH
Psychology

Angela Lupardus
Gandeeville, WV
Sociology

Karen Maize
Chester, MD
Physical Education

Sarah Melby
Crofton, MD
Education: Elementary

James Miller
Ravenswood, WV
Biology

Cecilia Murray
Glenville, WV
Nursing

Paul Musilli
Moundsville, WV
Education: Secondary

Preparing for tests can be very stressful for some students. Senior Christine Quinn, like many other students, spends many hours in front of her computer in hopes of passing these tests on the first try.

Some students face

Excruciating Tests

At 7a.m. on Saturday, most college students were still in the early stages of sleep; however, there were a few occassions when certain students were up and focused this early in the morning. These were the mornings when standardized tests were given and some people's lives were altered.

There were several types of standardized tests that Wesleyan students were required to take in order to extend their education via graduate school. One of these tests was the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) which students took in order to attend medical school. Gary Nichols, an engineering physics major with minors in biology, chemistry, and mathematics, stated that the "MCAT is one of the hardest tests to take." Another senior, Sarah Rinehart, agreed. This biology and chemistry major also reported that the "testing was much broader" than she expected

Another test that many Wesleyan students took was the Graduate Readiness Exam (GRE). Senior Lina Robinson, a psychology major, expected to go on to graduate school for doctoral programs in clinical child psychology and she felt the GRE was "not an accurate reflection of a person's academic ability on a collegiate level due to the many different environmental factors that influence one's performance." Senior international studies and economics major Meredith Swisher had similar views on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) stating that it would have been fun without the pressure; however, the test did have "evil puzzle problems that one could never solve, even after practicing that type of thinking."

Education majors were another group faced with the standardized tests. Mike Webber, a senior secondary education major, commented on his CORE stating that it "was the longest test...with three sections that are two hours each." These tests also cost a pretty penny for required exams that students must have in order to graduate.

Overall, the seniors had the same thoughts: these tests were extremely difficult and time consuming, yet all of the students were rewarded for their hard work with acceptance into graduate schools in order to further their educations.

Many people find it helpful to study in pairs or in groups. Seniors Nicki Dean and Kayla Pagen find it convenient to compare notes when studying for major tests.

After completing all the necessary applications and essays that are required for admission into graduate school, senior Rob Raffety gives the thumbs-up sign to show his relief.

Putting forth that

Extensive Effort

After four long years of Tylenol, cappacino, and long nights of cramming for tests, Wesleyan's graduating class was ready for anything...except the tiresome prospect of applying to graduate school. Some people were fortunate enough to have a major that allowed them to secure a job directly upon graduation; however, most students were not that lucky. Some students would join the Peace Corps or accept a minumum-wage job until a better one came along, but the majority of undergraduates extended their education by applying to a graduate school in order to further their studies.

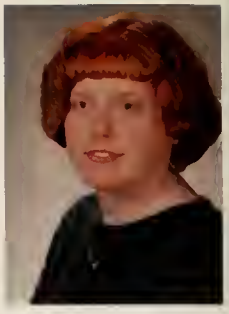
Resume writing, establishing credential files, taking standardized tests, and vying for interview slots were just a few of the not-so-pleasant introductions to graduate school. Eventually everything was graded, processed and mailed: all those references, transcripts, and letters of self-presentation, only that students may pace their dorm rooms eagerly awaiting that illusive acceptance letter to the graduate school of their choice.

There was no question that students need those extra years of graduate school in order to get that "perfect" job and there were many long days and tough exams that must be dealt with before those years are over, but most students found that it was worth the extra effort that they put forth. To many students, graduate school proved to be more interesting than their first four years of college because there were no more core classes, just the grueling specialized classes that pertained to their majors.

For those students who did pursue the graduate school route, there awaited them many new friendships, a wealth of information and numerous worthwhile experiences. For some of them, their social life deteriorated somewhat, but many students found their extra two or four years of college quite enjoyable. After all, their school loans had been deferred for a couple of extra years, they had already endured dorm life, roommates, and cafeteria food, so it couldn't have been all that bad...could it?

In anticipation of the next several years ahead of them, seniors Peyton Strouth and Gary Nichols take a moment to reflect on the past four years of their college careers.

Amanda Myers
Sistersville, WV
Biology



Betsy Negley
Beverly, WV
Nursing

Tracy Oldaker
Buckhannon, WV
Nursing

Kayla Pagen
Dunbar, PA
Biology

Christine Quinn
Hanson, MA
Education: Elementary

Robert Raffety
Buckhannon, WV
Economics

Molly Riffle
Buckhannon, WV
Education: Elementary

Sarah Rinehart
Elkins, WV
Biology

Gary Nichols
Parkersburg, WV
Engineering/Physics

Silvena Nikolova
Bulgaria
International Studies

Ryan North
Upper Sandusky, OH
Engineering/Physics

Patricia O'Day
Rollinsford, NH
Sociology

Colleen O'Reilly
New Canaan, CT
Psychology

Merri Peggs
Newburg, WV
Psychology

Sandra Pennell
Norristown, PA
Education: Elementary

Elisabeth Peters
Mattawamkeag, ME
English: Literature

Maria Petito
Pittsburgh, PA
Education: Elementary

Kristen Porch
Pedricktown, NJ
Nursing

Ryan Raible
North Huntingdon, PA
History

Wilco Ravestyn
Holland
Business: Management

Gary Reed
Buckhannon, WV
Christian: Education

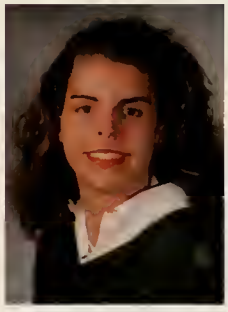
Robert Rhinehart
Charleston, WV
Education: Secondary

Myra Rice
Terra Alta, WV
Education: Elementary

Linda Roberts
Hampden, ME
Sociology

Lina Robinson
Charleston, WV
Psychology

Erin Rucgg
North Providence, RI
Mathematics



Kelly Sabol
Bethlehem, PA
Psychology

Brian Schmidt
Pittsgrove, NJ
Art: Studio

Thomas Schoffler
Bridgeport, WV
English

Joshua Seese
Kingwood, WV
Philosophy

Kyle Sepp
Connellsville, PA
Psychology

Vasily Shalashov
Moscow, Russia
Music

Carrie Simmons
Bethal, CT
Education: Elementary

Jeffrey Smith
York, ME
Business: Accounting

Stephanie Smith
Fairview, PA
Nursing

Victoria Smith
Conway, NH
Psychology

Eric Snyder
Acme, PA
Psychology

Lillian Sommers
Rock Cave, WV
Nursing

Christopher Steiner
Troy, ME
Biology

Scott Steltz
Ghent, NY
Physical Education

Allan Stephens
Sherman, WV
Business: Finance

Courtney Tallman
Elkins, WV
Art: Graphic Design

Heather Tawes
Severna Park, MD
Religion

Brandon Thompson
Elkins, WV
Education: Secondary

Jonathan Thorn
Rye, NY
Physical Education

Ai Toyama
Kanagawa, Japan
Psychology

Shane Vassar
Mount Clare, WV
Computer Science

Pavel Vassilev
Sofia, Bulgaria
Business: Marketing

Jennifer Skinner
Wilmington, DE
Psychology

Erica Smith
Kinnelon, NJ
Human Ecology

Douglas Sprague
Wheeling, WV
History

Heidi Staats
Ravenswood, WV
Psychology

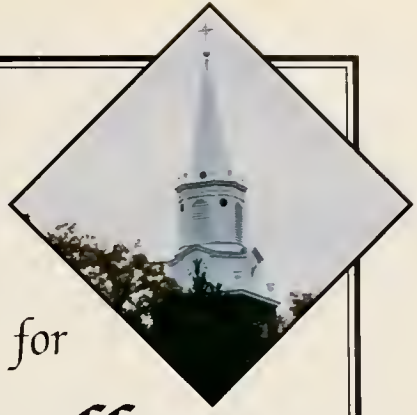
Pamela Tenney
French Creek, WV
Nursing

Tara Thomas
Altoona, PA
Fashion Merchandising

Matthew Wallace
Charleston, WV
History

Amy Walter
Dallas, TX
Education: Elementary

On a clear day, Wesley Chapel can be seen from miles away. The beauty of Wesleyan's campus keeps the students eager to come back again and again.



Going that extra step for

Top Excellence

The Rhodes Scholarship can be compared to the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes because nobody you know ever wins.

Thirty-two Rhodes Scholarships are awarded in the United States each year. Tommy Schoffler admitted he was surprised when Dr. Kay Long asked him to apply.

Tommy was one of fifteen students who competed for two state nominations. Meredith Swisher and Tod Donhauser joined Tommy in representing Wesleyan at this level, which involved an evening cocktail party and a series of interviews the following day.

Tommy said the other candidates were "great, although somewhat intimidating. Many of these students had already spent a semester abroad at Oxford and all of them had accomplished amazing things."
Since Tommy wasn't asked in for the second round of interviews, he assumed he was not being considered: so while the committee deliberated, Tommy said he, "thought about skipping out early."

When the committee announced his name, Tommy was stunned. While other students came to shake his hand, Schoffler said he kept thinking, "People like me aren't suppose to be Rhodes Scholars!" Two days later, Tommy travelled to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the next round of competition.

There the candidates came from schools like Harvard and Princeton. Tommy declared that he "was proud to tell them that I was from a small school called West Virginia Wesleyan College".

Even though Tommy did not advance, he said he learned a great deal from the experience. He commented that "the questions posed by the committee, as well as those involved in the application process, really helped crystalize my ideas about what I wanted from my future. Oddly, it gave me the confidence to decide that I did not have to go straight into graduate school, and that I should pursue what interested me most. It also reminded me, the first in my family except for my father to go to college, of just how far you can go if you try".

Being considered a prominent member of the Wesleyan community means being involved in all aspects of campus life. Tommy Schoffler portrays that very image with his involvement as a Wesleyan Scholar, a member of Concert Chorale, editor of the *Rickshaw* and a Rhodes Scholar nominee.

Relationships are always strenuous over great distances. This is a dilemma senior Michael Brocchi and junior Amylynn Deres will have to deal with after Michael graduates from Wesleyan.

Memories that are

Extra Special

Finishing those final papers, paying the dreaded last minute fees, and looking for employment was enough to keep most seniors busy, but what about some time for reflection on the past four years? Were there things about Wesleyan that the seniors would miss? After talking to a few of them, it became apparent that much of what Wesleyan offered would indeed be missed by many.

The inevitable friendships that were made at Wesleyan were the most commonly missed even if the friendships last a lifetime. Some friends were only a state apart while others were over seas. There were also the relationships that were formed between significant others, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, faculty, and staff. Another aspect of Wesleyan that was greatly missed was the beautiful landscaping. The beauty of the college often attracted new students, but often left an emptiness in graduating seniors as they realized their time at West Virginia Wesleyan College was coming to a close.

The togetherness of campus-wide events and activities was also an important aspect of campus life that seniors said they would miss. There were picnics that were held on warm autumn days and outdoor bands that entertained Wesleyan students and faculty alike while the music entwined with hearty conversation.

There were many things that seniors would miss about their college years at West Virginia Wesleyan College, but what about things they wouldn't miss? The only thing that came to the minds of most students was cafeteria food. There seemed to be very little that beats a home-cooked meal.

There were many memorable aspects of college life that ensured Wesleyan's seniors would never forget four of the best years of their lives. All of these treasured memories would remain with these Wesleyan alumni as they journeyed to the four corners of the globe as they began another chapter of their lives...the chapter that followed Wesleyan.

Of all of the things that seniors miss the most about their time at Weslevan, friendships top the list. Seniors Kayla Pagen and Liz Perkinson enjoy spending an evening with sophomore Jessica Pond.

Michael Webber
Virginia Beach, VA
Mathematics

Allison West
Charleston, WV
Psychology

Christy Wilson
Elkins, WV
Christian Education

Wesley Wilson
Elkton, MD
Engineering/Physics

Enjoying the moment, seniors Amanda Myers and Frank Jordan will not soon forget the wonderful memories of being Homecoming King and Queen.

Carrie Wheeler
Wheeling, WV
Biology

Adrienne White
Medford, NJ
Philosophy

Dionne Williams
Washington, DC
Nursing

Rebecca Willis
Buckhannon, WV
Education: Elementary

Ada Wilson
Swanton, MD
Education: Elementary

Jeffrey Yearout
Kansas City, MO
Business: Marketing

Trenton Zundell
Fairmont, WV
Art: Painting/Drawing

Wesleyan's picturesque scenery is not easily forgotten to all of the times students have kicked off their shoes and studied under the gorgeous trees located on campus.

Extra Special Memories...

"...at Wesleyan, you know everybody and everybody knows you." George Coyne, Psychology major

"Saying goodbye to my friends will be difficult as I may never see some of them again." Kat Anderson, Mathematics major

"late nights with friends and always being able to find an open door on the hall." Chrissy Bailey, Pychology major

"I'm really glad for the friends I have made here...I am really going to miss them." Joshua Seese, Philosophy major

Right: Kristen Porch gets the chance to perform on stage with Blessid Union of Souls during their Homecoming concert. **Below left:** Psychology major Lina Robinson represents the senior class at Homecoming coronation ceremonies. **Below:** Ryan Raible performs a number on his saxophone during one of the jazz ensemble's performances.

Right: Senior sack leader Jevon Dolan takes a moment to reflect on the past four years of his football career at West Virginia Wesleyan during the annual Homecoming game against Glenville State that was held October 12, 1996.

Right: Troy Painter spends a few extra moments with Theta Xi senior brothers Jason Wilhelm and James Plummer after a meal at Aladdin. **Below left:** Leah Anderson, seniors Megan Pucillo and Peyton Strouth, and Shad Wachter pose behind the wheel from their car in *Nunsense*. **Below:** Senior Angie Koon gets a final chance to practice for another performance.

Left: Jared Luteran, Andrew Sulgit, Carter Lewis and Jennifer Foreback perform together as the group "Four Almost Five" in this year's Mastercard Acts Talent Search.

Elizabeth Altobelli
Tamika Anderson
Amy Arbogast
Jin-Young Bae
Melissa Bassett

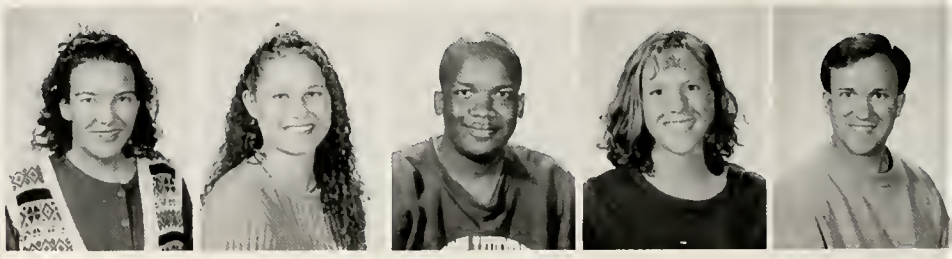
Amanda Blackwell
Patricia Booth
Jessica Brado
Julie Bramer
Erik Braun

Michael Brocchi
Amy Brown
Jason Cella
John Charles
Caryn Charlton

Developing Resumes . . .

Junior music major Todd Moffett and sophomore Maryanne Warneke's participation in the band during football games adds to their extracurricular activities which can become part of their resumes.

Jennifer Chilzer
Mandy Cline
James Coleman
Jill Collette
Dennis Craig



Susan Deems
Ameeth Deenanath
Angela Demel
Amylyn Deres
Melissa Dillon

Alexis Dodd
Misti Dowell
Benita Eckberg
Jennifer Ends
Kay Ann Fails

Mark Fair
MaKeise Faison
Summer Finnigan
Michael Fisk
Charlea Florence

Junior year . . . that means college is half over and it is almost time to enter the "real world." What do we do to prepare for it? Can we handle being out on our own? These are the questions that arise in the heads of juniors as they are only a year away from graduation and those important choices which will affect the rest of their lives. The only question which can be answered for sure is: What do we do to prepare? The answer is simple, but the work behind it is difficult. The key to preparation is a job. In the junior year it is essential to begin the all important job search.

Before even beginning the job search, students must begin compiling items of information to create a resume: volunteer work, previous experience, and most importantly, letters of reference. Usually, the students' advisor will be there to guide them through this to assure that the resume is as accurate as possible.

Another important step in the job search is making contacts. Meet as many people now so that down the road there is a source for opportunity. This is key because major contacts can be made through initial contact sources. A great way for a students to meet people and market themselves is to attend job fairs. There are hundreds of such fairs held annually across the nation in all different disciplines. It is essential to have the resume complete when attending these fairs in case the students meet the right person.

Wesleyan has a great job search program with advisors who are willing to help. The future will be brighter the earlier students start their search.

Senior Sarah Smith and sophomore Missy Lauber represent different stages in the development of their resumes. Many seniors pass down helpful tips to the underclassmen on surviving those last couple of years.

Heather Friday
Samantha Fritzman
Stacey Frye
Kristi Fulmer
Arthur Fulton

Nayumi Furuta
Courtney Gibbons
Christina Gorrell
Anna Grozeva
Rebekah Gulnac

Sarah Hanko
Vedeta Hanley
Sean Heffley
Bree Hoffer
Heidi Horine

Kari-Lynn Hudson
Chris Kellogg
Cynthia Kolbfleisch
Melissa Kostival
Brian Korody

The Wesleyan Advantage . . .

Freshmen Leah Dillenback, Tai Brown and Katie LeGros are just beginning to discover the Wesleyan advantage.

Rodney Lake
Nicole LeBosse
Matt Leventry
Tori Likowski
Jillene Locy

Silvia Lucero
Lynette Matanga
Melissa Matthews
Leroy McMillon
Andrew McWilliams

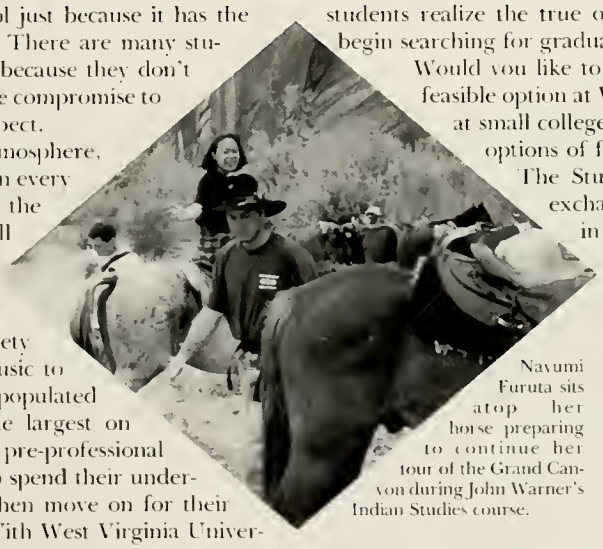
Betsy Meredith
Tricia Metrose
Alvis Minor
Todd Moffett
Brian Montgomery

Jody Moreland
Amy Mortensen
Maureen Mulima
Denise Mundy
Scott Olson

Some students choose a large school just because it has the majors needed for their future career. There are many students who do not want a large school, because they don't want to be just a number. Wesleyan is the compromise to both sides and is very unique in this respect.

Wesleyan provides a small school atmosphere, where students have a face and a name in every class as opposed to just a number in the larger universities. For such a small school, it offers a large range of majors to choose from, allowing students to have the best of both worlds.

A poll of students could reveal a variety of majors from art to nutrition and music to religion. All the programs are highly populated with the education program being the largest on campus. The school also offers several pre-professional programs. Many students will choose to spend their undergraduate years at a small school and then move on for their graduate school at a large university. With West Virginia University just up the interstate, Wesleyan is in a prime location for such situations and its programs make this possible. A large number of students realize the true opportunity of this experience as they begin searching for graduate schools.



Nayumi Furuta sits atop her horse preparing to continue her tour of the Grand Canyon during John Warner's Indian Studies course.

Would you like to study another culture? That is a very feasible option at Wesleyan and is one not usually offered at small colleges. Students have at least four different options of foreign study during January semester. The Student Development office also has an exchange program with several universities in Europe and Asia. All of these are options for a full semester of study abroad and count as credits toward graduation from Weslevan college.

No matter where students look, they will find it hard to find a small college which can compare to the variety of majors offered by Wesleyan. The diversity of majors lends to a diversity of students to the campus. This is another feature unique to small colleges. Finding a college to match Wesleyan's offerings will be rare and hard to find.

Donna Patterson
Shannon Pikoulas
Kendra Ray
Bryan Rhoades
Beverly Richards

Even Roestoen
Carrie Rotruck
Gena Royce
Joseph Ruane
Lori Schwartz

Tatum Shomo
Adrienne Smythe
Jeff Squires
Nancy Stonestreet
Andrew Sulgit

Shelley Talbert
Jeremy Taylor
Stacy Therit
Gabrielle Thomas
Charles Thompson

Friends Forever . . .

Graduation is a much anticipated event by the graduating seniors as well as their parents and fellow underclassmen; however, graduating seniors will be greatly missed by those friends they leave behind. Senior Christine Quinn will be missed tremendously by her sorority little sister and best friend Amanda Blackwell, who will return for her senior year at Wesleyan next year.

Melanie Thompson
Amy Thornton
Mary Tolley
Amy Walder
Alyssa Walker

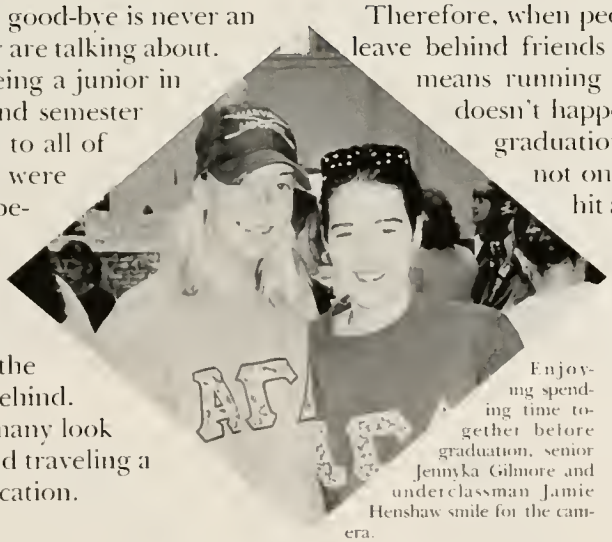
Sara Walker
Angie Ware
Chris Ware
Jill Waybright
Amy Wilfong

Bethany Williams
Tara Williams
John Wentrol
Katrina Woodyard
Jessica Wright

Hwajin Yang

Whoever states that "saying good-bye is never an easy thing" sure knows what they are talking about. One of the hardest aspects of being a junior in college is when the end of second semester approaches and saying good-bye to all of those wonderful friends who were made over the past three years becomes unavoidable.

Unfortunately, not all of those friends are in the same graduating class and bidding farewell comes all to soon to the underclassmen who will be left behind. When people choose a college, many look into expanding their horizons and traveling a fair distance for that higher education.



Enjoying spending time together before graduation, senior Jennyka Gilmore and underclassman Jamie Henshaw smile for the camera.

Therefore, when people graduate from college, they leave behind friends from all walks of life and that means running into old friends now and then doesn't happen all that often. This can make graduation quite difficult for everybody, not only the graduates, and it seems to hit around junior year just how hard this transition actually is.

Even though friendships can last a lifetime, leaving behind close friends can be extremely painful and difficult, while being left behind can be just as hard. That makes for one of the toughest aspects of junior year and one more step towards the real world.

Christy Agnew
Kathrin Alexander
Christy Alkire
Jonathan Andrew
Sherril Baierl

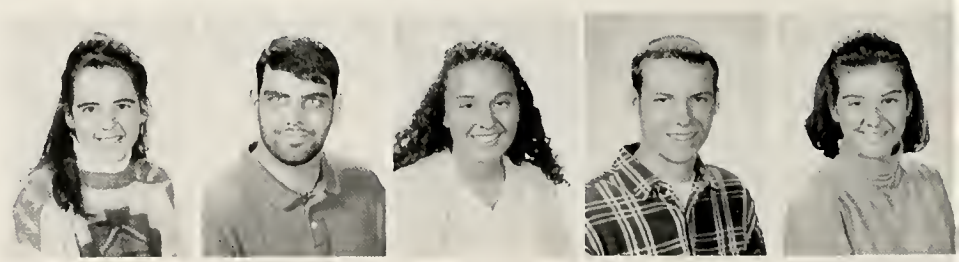
Spring Bailey
Rachel Bell
Ginny Bennett
Mariah Bibby
Hunter Boshell

Tara Carey
Heather Carpenter
Melanie Crites
Ryan Crowder
Stacey Curtin

Taking a Position . . .

One of the many different organizations that students can get involved in is the Black Student Union. As sophomore Maureen Mulima, far right, proves, you can hold a presidential position as early as sophomore year.

Kari Dickey
William Farfour
Terry Fisher
Eric Gadd
Jessica Gainor



Tom Glennon
Amy Goodson
Angel Gray
Larissa Green
Melissa Gregory

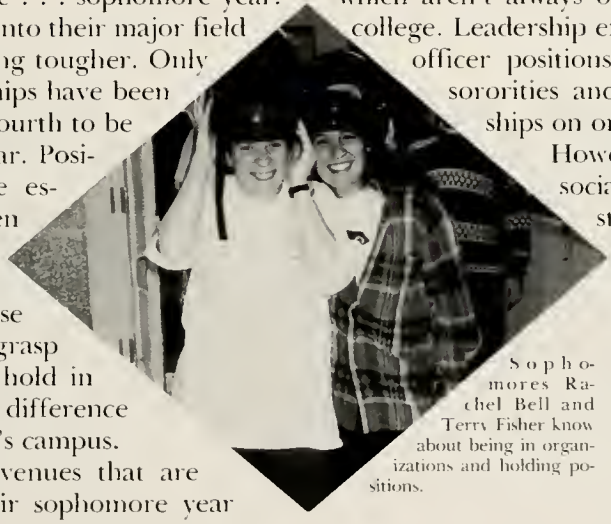
Brandi Hackworth
Michele Hammond
Yusuke Hasegawa
Christy Haynes
Angi Heitzenrater

Ian Helmick
Jason Hildebrant
Jeremy Hofer
Tara Holtgrewe
Tom Honaker

The toughest year of college . . . sophomore year. Students are just starting to get into their major field of study, so the classes are getting tougher. Only one fourth of all major friendships have been formed, so that leaves another fourth to be made during the sophomore year. Positions have started to become established. Students have chosen what organizations they want to be involved in and after that first year, or orientation into those groups, student have a better grasp on what position they want to hold in those organizations and what a difference they want to make on Wesleyan's campus.

There are many different avenues that are offered to students during their sophomore year which aren't always offered during that first year of college. Leadership experience may be obtained from officer positions in a variety of organizations, sororities and fraternities, as well as internships on or off campus.

However, balancing school work and social activities can be exhausting for students during those first two years of college; time and priorities must be organized, but the sophomore year provides many open doors and opportunities that are crucial to maintaining the development of a diversified individual.



Sophomores Rachel Bell and Terry Fisher know about being in organizations and holding positions.

Erin Hudgins
Georgia Hughes
Heidi Inzerillo
Jared Isaman
Eric Johnson

Sonja Kemps
Alexandra Khadduri
Gabe Klingensmith
Joji Kuwahara
Keith Kuziora

Melissa Lauber
Jennifer Law
Kristi Lawrence
Colleen Lenihan
Kimberly Link

Jill Locke
Louis Mahon
Amon Marstiller
Jason Martin
Shellie McCann

Major Decisions . . .

Wesleyan's honor students spend a weekend in the mountains of West Virginia. This close encounter with Mother Nature allows them to clear their heads and make plans for the rest of their college careers and the years to follow.

Heather McClure
Holly Meyers
Lynette Miller
Teresa Mirkovich
Brandi Moran

Courtney Neal
Natalie Niland
Elizabeth O'Malley
Yoshikazu Osada
Franki Parsons

Tonya Phillips
Jennifer Piper
Courtney Plummer
Amanda Poe
Jessica Pond

Shelley Popielewski
George Porter
Chett Pritchett
Chasity Pyle
Amanda Rafferty

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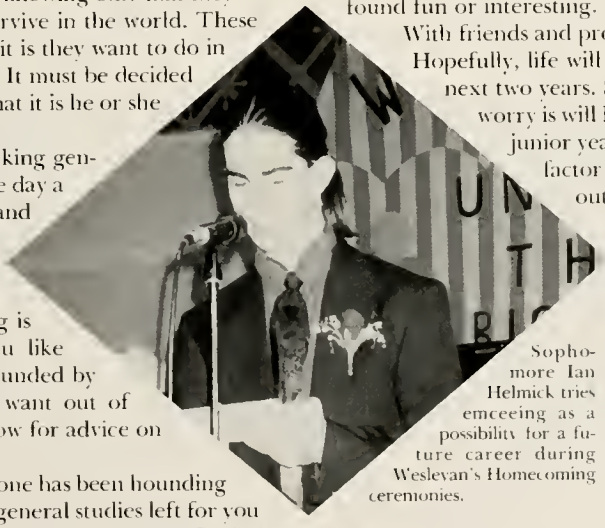
Many students come in to college knowing only that they want a college education so that they can survive in the world. These students do not necessarily know what it is they want to do in life and therefore do not have a major. It must be decided by the end of a student's junior year what it is he or she will study while at Wesleyan.

The entire freshman year is spent taking general studies courses and hoping that one day a great thought will strike your mind and suddenly your entire life will be laid out for you. Unfortunately, things aren't quite that easy. Most people don't realize how agonizing scheduling is when you don't know what it is you like doing. The hardest part is being surrounded by friends who know exactly what they want out of their future. We look to those who know for advice on our own lives.

So, it is scheduling time again. Everyone has been hounding you for a decision. There are no more general studies left for you to take and you have even sampled a few classes in the fields you were interested. Deciding on a major is a tough decision because it sets down your entire path in life. For this reason, it is hard to take the decision lightly. After two years of education, the decision should be a little simpler. It is time to choose something that we found fun or interesting.

With friends and professors behind us, the decision is made. Hopefully, life will be less hectic and more relaxed for the next two years. Scheduling should seem easier. The last worry is will I find a job. That becomes a worry in the junior year, but we hope that job availability was a factor in choosing the major. It will all work out in the end.

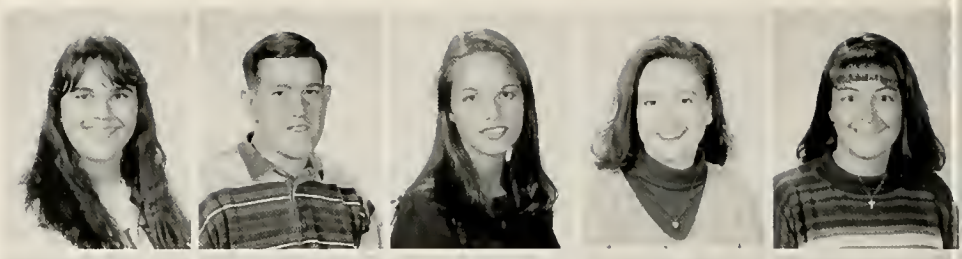
Once the decision is made, the student must work full force toward graduating in that field. If at any point it becomes apparent that you chose the wrong major, it is just as easy to choose another one. It is hoped that this does not become an issue because, if it does, the student will be spending some extra time at Wesleyan. The decision to come to pursue a degree was wise since one can not make it in today's society without one. Everything else should fall into place around that idea.



Sophomore Ian Helmick tries emceeing as a possibility for a future career during Wesleyan's Homecoming ceremonies.

Jonathan Ramezan
Lisa Reinhold
Keri Russell
Chris Sappey
Joanne Schade

Carrie Schroth
Carl Shrader
Megan Shriver
Lindsay Silcott
Courtney Sill



Romon Slater
Laura May Sorkin
LeAnn Swiger
Heather Thomson
Frankie Tomblin

Carolyn Tourtillotte
Melissa Triplett
Sarah Warehime
Maryanne Warneke
Kathryn Waters

Residence Life . . .

During a campus picnic, Jennifer Mahoney, Chris Channel, Tricia Metrose and Eric Johnson spend some quality time visiting with each other and making plans for after the picnic. Campus picnics give people a chance to catch up with friends they haven't seen for days or weeks while enjoying a sunny day, versus a rainy day, in good ole Sunny Buck. Along with all campus picnics, some of the dorms, such as the Camdens' yearly picnic, are held as hall projects or fund raisers.

Ross Whitacre
Curtis Wilkerson
Janelle Willey
Angel Williamson
Charles Wisilosky

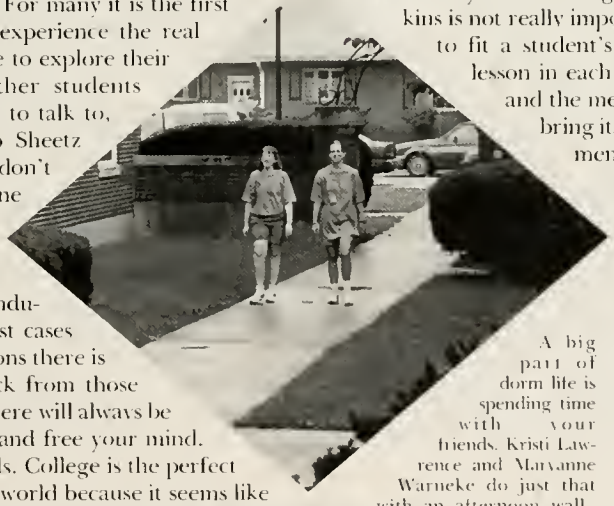
Maryann Wolfe
Lori Wooddell
Jennifer Woodrum
Missie Xander
Ami Zatawski

Erica Zimmerman

Moving all belongings up three flights of stairs only to have to move them down again eight months later, having late night conversations in the dormitory hallways, using community bathrooms, and having meaningless arguments with roommates. These are just a few of the things that go along with life in the dorm.

Dorm life allows students the chance to get away from their parents and make their own decisions. For many it is the first time on their own allowing them to experience the real world. It also gives students the chance to explore their time management skills. Having other students around means always having someone to talk to, someone to make a midnight run to Sheetz with, someone to wake you when you don't here those 2 a.m. fire drills, and someone to loan those extra quarters when it's time to wash three weeks worth of clothes.

Dorm life is also supposed to be conducive to learning as well as fun. In most cases that doesn't happen and for those reasons there is always the library. When you get back from those long hours of studying at the library, there will always be someone around to calm your nerves and free your mind. Someone is sure to have a deck of cards. College is the perfect time to learn all the card games in the world because it seems like everyone always knows a new game. Sometimes you just need a girls/boys night when you all relax . Someone in the dorm is bound to have a VCR. When it feels like a co-ed night, the option is always open. A fun game is to see how many bodies you can fit into one dorm room at one time. Don't forget quiet hours while you are doing that. When that RA tells you visiting hours are over, instead of insisting you don't live in a jail, the lobby makes a great playroom. Is there really a hidden cavern in Doney lobby? What really made Holloway's snack machine blow up? Can we find the Aggie ghosts? There are an endless number of dorm questions that could be investigated when you are bored at night in the dorm.



A big part of dorm life is spending time with your friends. Kristi Lawrence and Maryanne Warneke do just that with an afternoon walk. Sometimes a walk proves a quieter place to talk than the dorm.

Whether you live in Aggie or Benedum, McCuskey or Jenkins is not really important. Any dorm room can be made to fit a student's personal life style. The important lesson in each new dorm is the friendships shared and the memories created. Each new dorm will bring its new experiences and cherished moments.

Whether it's in the wee hours of the morning, time to make another trip to Aladdin, or eight o'clock Thursday night, there is always someone to be found when you live in the dorm. Granted, there are bad times that go along with dorm life, but the positive aspects outweigh the roommate problems and the loud parties down the hall the night before a big exam. Dorm life provides some of the most cherished moments of a student's time spent at college. The social aspects behind dorm life provide the biggest education of all lessons taught on campus. Friendships are the biggest payoff that will truly last for a lifetime.

Tamara Adams
Protima Advani
Terri Allman
Jaime Baile
Kristy Barnett

Melissa Barrow
Ellen Beckwith
David Beebe
Andrea Beeson
Kathleen Behnke

Frank Bennett
Chris Blood
Emily Brinker
Tai Brown
Tara Burdock

New Social Circles . . .

Mugging for the camera, Katie LeGros, Grace Livingood, Jeremy Hofer, and Grace Reville enjoy Wesleyan's scenic campus, spending time with their friends during a relaxing afternoon picnic.

Cindy Canfield
Michael Carpenedo
Lori Casey
Kenna Chapman
Paul Chevalier

Parag Chitnis
Wendy Cogar
Jennifer Conley
Norma Coreas
Jesse Corlis

Melanie Cummings
Jodi Dalton
Jeffrey Dana
Kristen Dantry
Rachel Davis

Leah Dillenback
Chad Dober
Jennifer Doerr
Amber Elkins
Kristi Ellison

"As Gregor Samsa awoke from unsettling dreams one morning, he found himself transformed in his bed into a monstrous vermin."-Franz Kafka's story "The Metamorphosis" is about a man who awakes to find himself a bug! Although he was the same person as before, he was no longer accepted as he was before.

As we move on in the world, we either move with the world or become bugs to society . So it is extremely important to us that we become who it is that we want and stay in the guidelines that are set for us by our communities and society. Who has the desire to become a bug anyway?

We are all in constant change. It starts at the time we are born. College is no different. We are placed in a building with little, or what seems like no room at all, with a bunch of people who we really do not know. From day one, we start making new friends. We have to be well liked, so we listen to everyone.

One of the greatest surprises of the college scene was the acceptance of everyone. We were all new and those of us who were not, they understood. The social acceptance was easy to achieve; keeping it could prove to be challenging. No one awoke to find that all they knew had disappeared, but found that we still had the same values and chances; in addition, a whole new world was open to us.

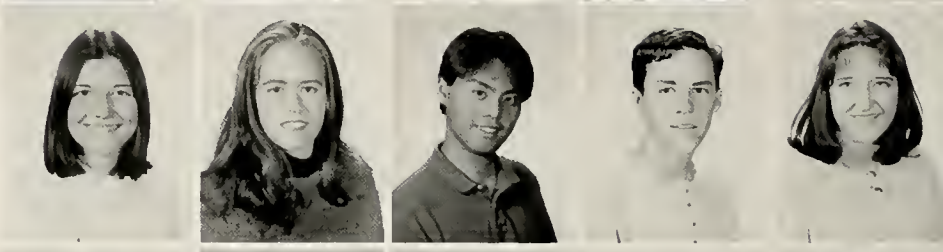
Choice were made and accepted. You no longer have to worry about being the same as others, because you are normal being different. The social education we recieve at Wesleyan is better than any other lesson that could ever be learned.

Kathy Swartz participates in karaoke during Fun Night. Fun Night provides friends a chance to get together and have fun.

Brandon Fox
Rebecca Frame
Hickory Gateless
Christina Gavrish
Carolyn Gorsky

LoriAnn Graybill
Robert Hardin
Karlene Henninger
Madara Hettiarachchi
Ed Hickey

Krista Hiner
Ila Hiserman
John Ho
Timothy Hoellein
Katie Hoffman



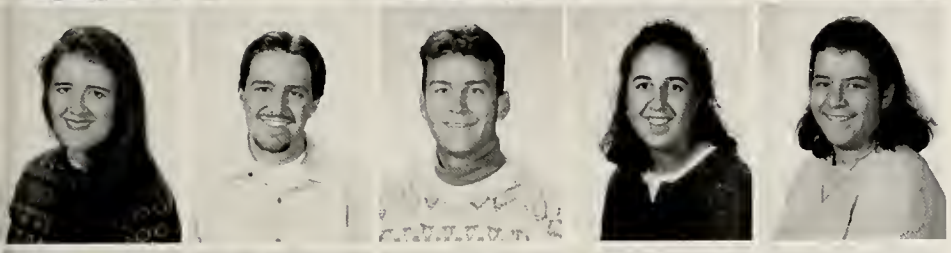
Charla Holmes
Lorra Hosey
Missy Howard
Reece Hudson
John Iacovelli

Adjusting to College . . .

Freshmen Chris Long, Ellen Beckwith and Paul Chevalier demonstrate how much fun friends can have when they get together between classes. Adjustment to college's freedoms provides many challenges to Wesleyan's freshmen.

Geoff Ireton
Jeffrey James
Jaime Jones
Kevin Jones
Jason Keeling

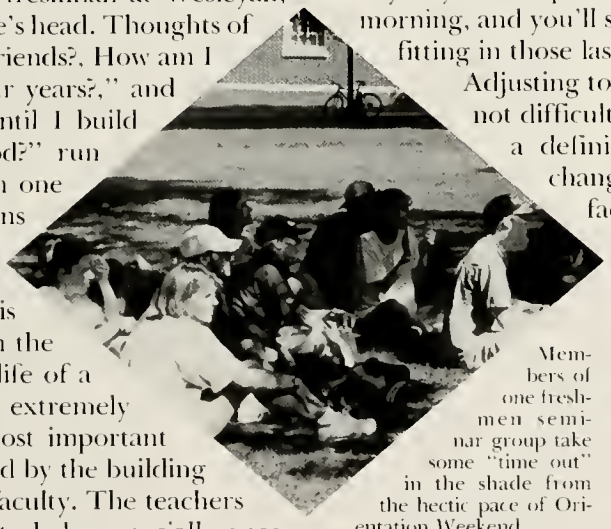
Kelly Kratofil
Emily Leamer
Phillip Lemire
Katie LeGros
Tamara Levitt



Grace Livingood
Chris Long
Nathan Longstreth
Liz Lurz
Amanda Mack

Heather Macrow
Sean Maher
Kellie Martin
Tammy McKisic
Courtney Meyers

From the first day as a new freshman at Wesleyan, questions began popping into one's head. Thoughts of "Will I find the right group of friends?, How am I going to live in a closet for four years?," and most importantly,"How long until I build up a resistance to Aladdin food?" run through the mind. Soon though one of the most important questions becomes very imporant: "How am I going to keep up with all of this work?" True, the class load is more than anyone has known in the past, but adjusting to the busy life of a Wesleyan class schedule is not extremely hard, nor should it be. The most important key is getting organized, followed by the building of a good relationship with the faculty. The teachers at Wesleyan are always around to help, especially once that time of year rolls around: finals. By exam time, most students have learned to deal with the hustle of every day life. Look into the library anytime, especially between ten and two in the morning, and you'll see multiple numbers of students fitting in those last few hours of studying.



Members of one freshmen seminar group take some "time out" in the shade from the hectic pace of Orientation Weekend.

Adjusting to the academic life at Wesleyan is not difficult, but it does take some time and a definite dedication to learning and changing. Sleep remains an important factor of college life and the homework is not too bad once you get used to it. And when students need help they can always find it, which becomes a big relief when panic begins to set in. Most on the campus have been in the position as a freshman at some point in their life so, they know what it is like. That is why everyone is there to help the freshmen in all areas but most especially academics.

Guy Mick
Jessica Miller
Elizabeth Morris
Jennifer Morris
Erin Mullins

Christina Musgrave
Nancy Myers
Brian Newcomb
Kelles Nichols
Jaimie Niemczura

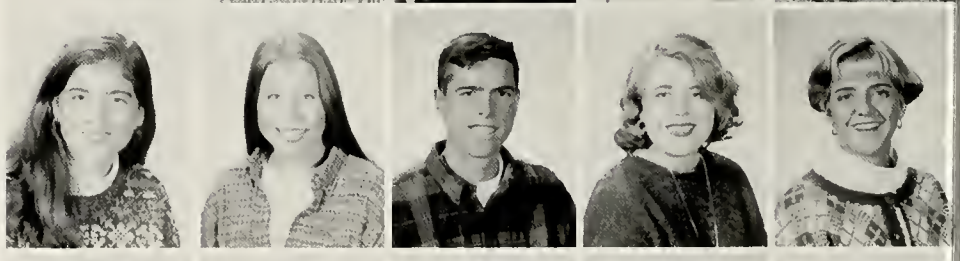
Stacy Nolan
Eric Nuchims
Simmie Osborn
Marty Padula
Troy Painter

Juan Phillips
Anthony Poku
Krista Poole
Pete-Ricardo Powell
Renae Reinhart

Grace Reville
Monica Richardson
John Riffle
Jodie Rose
Johnny Samek

Laura Scherler
James Schultz
Scott Serene
Carrie Shannon
Sara Shawger

Deana Shirley
Jennifer Simmons
Todd Simmons
Tabitha Smith
Tarra Smith



Mandy Snodgrass
Rebecca Snyder
Amy Starcher
Angela Steve
Kara Stump

Kathy Swartz
Christina Talbert
Carrie Tamburo
Alicia Teel
Travis Thompson

Amy Thorp
Rune Thuestad
Tosha Toomey
David Underwood
Stephanie Underwood

Jennifer Vanderford
Kelly VanFossen
Jessica Villella
Jaimi-Lyn Wahl
Wendy Watson

Anne Webb
Adam Weiford
Trina Weishar
Kyle West
Sean Whelan

Elisha Witt
Meleesa Wohleber
Gretchen Zechman
Jenny Zipf

ABOVE LEFT: Reflecting on the fun times of the past year, this freshman takes a minute to share the memory and a little laughter.
ABOVE RIGHT: Freshman David Scoville monkeys around in his spare time.

Greeks volunteer their services throughout the year for a number of causes. Here Theta Chi brothers pause a moment during one of their service projects. CAB's Casino Night is a favorite with this group of Alpha Xi's: Tricia Coppinger, Heather Thompson, Kay Ann Fails and Jen Comtois. Members of Theta Xi gather at their formal to serenade a new sweetheart.

Wesleyan's Greek organizations provided a unique experience of sisterhood and brotherhood to those students who chose to "Go Greek". Four sororities and five fraternities managed to add to the social life on and off of Wesleyan's campus. In addition, Greeks spent much time actively participating in service projects for both Wesleyan and Buckhannon.

Greeks

Homecoming activities are a favorite with the Greeks. Sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta Sara Forsman, Jenny Hill and Tara Carey spend a few minutes together before climbing onto their float for the Homecoming Parade.

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First and Finest

Alpha Delta Pi played a very active role both on and off campus this year. Throughout the year, sisters concentrated on service to both campus and community. In fact, this year, Alpha Delta Pi sisters accumulated over 4500 hours of community service. They travelled to the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown, West Virgina, where they prepared meals, cleaned the house and visited with the guests. The guests are all children and their families coping with serious illness. The act of kindness by the Alpha Delta Pi sisters put smiles on the faces of many.

While the Ronald McDonald House was the sisters' philanthropy, their goodwill didn't end there. Other service projects in this year alone included: Christmas on Campus, Make-A-Difference Day, Special Olympics, and Easter basket making with the Salvation Army.

In the fall, Alpha Delta Pi sisters participated in the Homecoming festivities. They entered the float category for sororities and won second place in the competition. In the spring, the sisters wowed the crowd with their very non-traditional Spring Sing routine to the theme of "Give My Regards To Wesleyan."

Alpha Delta Pi added several sisters to their ranks in the fall and continued by adding twelve new sisters in their Spring '97 Alpha Class.

Through high standards of excellence, Alpha Delta Pi once again established itself as a crucial part of the Wesleyan Community.

Think of a song to fit sorority women. What do you come up with? "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!" That is just what members are doing at one of the Alpha Delta Pi formals. What will they come up with next?

LEFT: The newest Alpha Class is congratulated during Bid Day 1997. BOTTOM: Suzy Lenox, Lori Bremmer, Sara Walker, Jess Brado, Tatum Shomo, Kim Shull, Natalie Hepler, and Rachael Gray form a circle of friends.

Sisterhood is all about the friendships that will last a lifetime. Felicia Hall and Shelly Meyers know that is true.

ABOVE: Ladies in Red: Kyle Sepp, Kristin Holmberg, and Vicki Smith strut their stuff during their Christmas Formal. LEFT: A couple of wild and crazy Alpha Delta Pi sisters attempt to make a music video.

High Honors

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority had an extremely successful 1996-97 school year. After returning back to Wesleyan, they soon learned they had been named a Five Star Chapter, which is a highly distinguished honor that few chapters can claim. To get into the swing of things, the fall semester was kicked off by celebrating Homecoming with a first place overall in the sorority float competition for their theme of, "Everybody Loves A Clown." Senior Amanda Myers was elected Homecoming Queen, with Jenny Hill as one of her attendants

In addition to the fun and games, they participated in several community service projects including a walk-a-thon with Theta Chi and a book drive with Chi Phi, as well as lending a helping hand at both the Hanging of the Greens and Christmas on Campus.

Spring brought one event after another. Philanthropy projects included cleaning Academy Primary School, selling raffle tickets, participating, and winning the Dance-A-Thon, and making balloon animals for kids at the annual Children's Festival. They were also honored with first place wins in the sorority competion, as well as overall, in Spring Sing. Their director, Betsy Meridith, was also awarded first place in the Best Director category.

Alpha Gamma Delta held the highest GPA in the fall and spring semester. President, Toni Gusic, was elected Greek Woman of the Year at the same ceremony. Final honors came when they won the Dr. Marion McBrair Davis Trophy for outstanding scholarship, leadership, and philanthropic participation.

Grace Reville and Terri Fisher are all smiles at Casino Night. The evening just happened to coincide with Spring Bid Day. Terri couldn't wait to welcome Grace as a Gam.

LEFT: Julie Bramer is really excited to be able to work with the kids during Christmas on Campus. BOTTOM: The Gams are doing a little clowning around for Homecoming '96. They were too many to fit in the car so they had to ride the trailer too!

Jill Collete is so happy her sister, Toni Gusic, was nominated for Spring Sing Queen. Toni is making all her sisters proud tonight.

TOP: These senior Alpha Gams are so excited to welcome their new pledges that they are welcoming them with their pledge class song. LEFT: Watch out for "Gams In The Fast Lane" practicing their skit for Rush 1997.

Continued Traditions

Alpha Xi Delta had an all around incredible year. They went beyond the limits with service projects for their philanthropy, Choose Children, by doing such things as providing Thanksgiving dinners and the Brother/Sister auction at the Kappa Alpha house. In terms of service, Alpha Xi Delta came together like a true family in crisis. While Kelly Martin battled leukemia, the sisters did their best to insure her that she was always in their thoughts and prayers. From the yellow ribbons to daffodils, they did their best to make everything a little easier.

Stellar sisters Adrienne White and Heather Davis made all the sisters proud in accepting the well deserved West Virginia Wesleyan College Woman of the Year Award. The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta excelled in scholarship this year, bringing their overall up to a 3.01. As always, they rocked the gym, tennis court, soccer field and softball field, but took things even further in terms of athletics. Junior Veronika Bellezza began the first ever Wesleyan Women's lacrosse team, which benefitted all the women of the college. The girls had a great season and did well despite much skepticism. Of course, the sisters couldn't finish off the year without taking first place in Greek Week for the ninth consecutive year. They managed second place at Spring Sing and sister Adrienne White won Spring Sing Queen. From choir to theater, sports to academic, and service to sisterhood, Alpha Xi Delta showed its stuff in '97.

Beautiful friendships create beautiful smiles and memories. Seniors Laura Holoski and Adrienne White are glad they joined the Xi's and were able to build such a strong friendship.

LEFT: Laura Gordon and Alison Schweighardt soak up the rays on a beautiful spring day. BELOW: Adrienne White knows that there is always time for kids. She is helping Kelsey Arnold have some fun.

Jordon Knicely, Alison Schweighardt, and Jen Carter are ready to party. Tonight is their Spring Formal.

ABOVE: Kim Murphy, Laura Gordon, and Kellie Papatolicas are all smiles at Casino Night. LEFT: Tarables '96 perform in the suite for the sisters.

Rising Success

The Delta Upsilon Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha had a very prosperous year on campus. Their year started with the attendance of all members at the Brownie Mary concert held in front of the dining center. The gathering was in support of the lead singer Kelsey who is an alum of ZTA at Bethany College.

The next event for the sorority was winning first place for the banner competition during the Homecoming festivities. The sorority was overjoyed and continued to show their rising success with the addition of seven new members during Fall Rush. They participated in Adopt a Highway and many other service days throughout the year. Many members continued to support the community by participating in Read Aloud and Christmas on Campus.

The year seemed to prove even better in the spring. Zeta Tau Alpha brought in thirteen new members during rush. The sisters sponsored the annual Mr. Wesleyan contest which raised $170 for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation,which is the philanthropy of ZTA.

Greek Week topped off the list of events for Zeta Tau Alpha. They competed in numerous events throughout the week in order to bring home a second place victory, a victory which made them extremely proud .

Three new members, Tara Burdock, Natalie Green and Carrie Tamburo, all agreed that pledging ZTA was an awesome and inspiring experience for them. Hopefully with continued enthusiasm the sorority's success will also continue to grow.

Zeta's on the loose. Members of Zeta Tau Alpha gather on the wall surrounding the quad. They want a good seat to watch Fraternity Jump Day. They decided to come out and support their sisters who are shirted and their favorite fraternity brothers.

LEFT: Shelly Popielewski and Laura Cocoltchos decide Aladdin food isn't for them. BELOW: Heather Nelan, Karen Maize, and Katie Eldridge hit the tables . . . in Aladdin. They thought they'd give Casino Night a shot.

Lori Schwartz and Amanda Haskins — friends through and through. What would they do without each other?

ABOVE: The Fall Pledge Class is already to party at its 1996 Fall Formal. LEFT: The Zeta girls go on an outing to CJ Maggies.

WESLEYAN GREEKS GET ACTIVE

LEFT: Gams take time out from Greek Week activities. BELOW: Charlea Florence helps with one of the activities for Children's Festival.

Greek Week Champs Alpha Xi Delta share a moment after participating in the jello-eating contest.

Krista Haught, Theta Xi sweetheart, shares a special moment with her brother Matt as he receives a bid from Theta Xi.

ABOVE: Members of Zeta plan their strategy for the next Greek Week event. LEFT: Greeks test their water skills during Greek Week.

Changing of the Guard

It was an eventful year for the brothers at 83 S. Kanawha Street. In the spring, the Phi Kappa Chapter of Phi Sigma Phi made the switch to Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity. It was hopeful that the change would provide a much stronger support by their nationals. Alpha Sigma Phi was founded at Yale University in 1845, making it the tenth oldest fraternity in the nation. The brotherhood was colonized as the Beta Nu Colony on Spring Weekend '97. They expected to become a chartered chapter next fall.

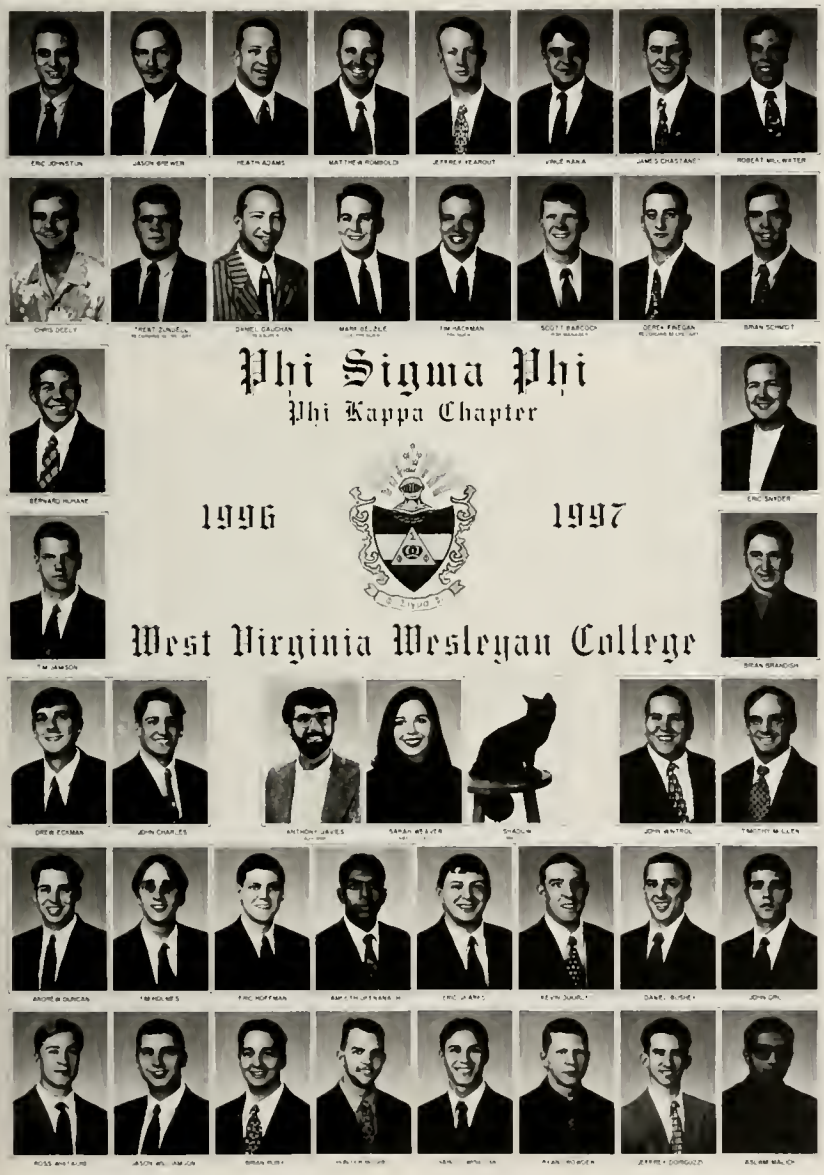
The spring also brought its share of house renovations. The basement, chapter room, dining room, and kitchen were the main beneficiaries of the new undertaking. It would benefit all the brothers and their guests.

As always, the brotherhood kept the community service tradition alive and strong this year. Three projects which benefited from the goodwill of the Alpha Sigma Phi brothers were: Christmas on Campus, the Children's Festival, and Adopt-A-Highway. In addition to community service, the brothers provided entertainment to the campus community by hosting several bands.

Phi Sigma Phi added three members to its chapter during Fall Rush, and after changing their charter, Alpha Sigma Phi added an additional nine members to the growing brotherhood. Service and other such ideals have been passed down to each new pledge class to insure the continued success of the fraternity.

RIGHT: During Homecoming 1996, the brothers are still known as Phi Sigma Phi. BELOW: Silver Creek Resort provides a great facility for the Spring 1997 formal.

Members of the fraternity gather on the lawn of the quad just prior to Spring Jump 1997 to introduce their newest pledge class to everyone.



Senior Dan Gaughn walks proudly down Wesley Chapel's aisle after his nomination as Homecoming King.

Continuing Tradition

This year has been an extremely busy one for the brothers of Chi Phi fraternity. They started the year off with a band hosting their annual Maui Waui party in early December. The strong tradition which the Delta Xi Chapter of Chi Phi is based on led to continued excitement. The fall brought Maui to Buckhannon, but the spring brought Hells Angels to S. Kanawha Street. The brothers started the second semester by hosting the thirty second annual Hell Angels party.

This fraternity was not all partying. It was deeply committed to the campus and the surrounding community. Brothers of Chi Phi participated in eleven community service projects which were held throughout the year. As a joint effort with the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta, the brothers held a book drive. All the books collected were donated to local schools. Community youth were a large focus of many of the Chi Phi projects. Another larger project which the brothers participated was the Adopt-A-Highway program along with many other Greek organizations. Other activities included Christmas On Campus, Childrens Festival, Homecoming, and Spring Sing.

With Fall and Spring Rush, the chapter continued to grow as twelve new members were initiated into the ranks of the chapter this year. The legends of the past were passed on to these new members so that the tradition of Chi Phi would continue in the years to come.

As always, the brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter continued to work hard at improving and maintaining a strong brotherhood.

Homecoming 1996 . . . Karim Badwan can not seem to figure out where the rest of his brothers went. They seem to have left him guarding the clown and the clown car by himself.

LEFT: The brothers catch their new pledges as the shirted girlfriends cheer them on during Jump Day 1997. BELOW: Friends and brothers till the end: Joseph Golia and Steve Gehring.

ABOVE: Out and about on Route 119, Chi Phi Fraternity participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program, working together to clean-up litter. LEFT: It looks like Harley Davidson Night at Chi Phi again. Don't party too much boys; the cops will want you to move the bikes soon.

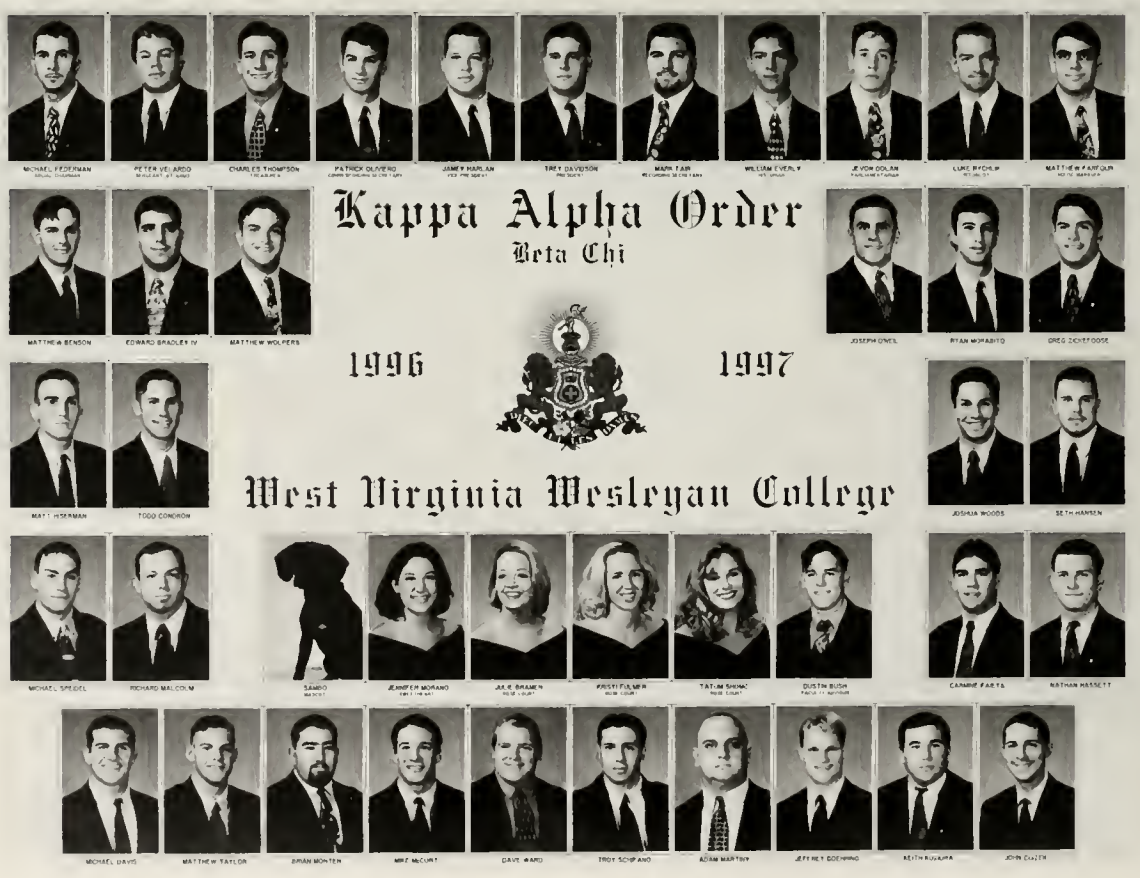
Year of Improvement

The brothers of the Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order were quite active during the 1996-97 school year. The first goal of the brotherhood was to establish self unity. They built long lasting friendships but still had time to volunteer. While building and maintaining bonds that would last a lifetime, they participated in both on campus activities and those in the Buckhannon community. The community was greatly appreciative of the services of Kappa Alpha. The brothers assisted with the Buckhannon Pee-Wee Wrestling Tournament, supervised "safety city" during the Children's Festival, and raised money for the Muscular Distrophy Association throughout the year. In addition, the brothers helped fix the grounds at the Tennerton pee-wee baseball complex and participated in Christmas on Campus. This was just a sampling of the events which the Kappa Alpha brothers participated in or organized this year.

The chapter received high honors at the annual Scholarship Awards Day for Greeks. They were most proud of winning the Most Improved Chapter Award for 1996-97. An additional honor was the recognition of Kappa Alpha President, Mark Fair, as the Most Outstanding Greek President. The brothers hoped this success will continue for years to come.

The highlight of the year for the brothers was winning the Greek Week trophy once again. The trophy has made its home at KA for twelve of the past thirteen years. The brothers looked forward to next year and a continuation of this year's successes.

In the tradition of brotherhood, everyone must gather as a family for the holidays. Kappa Alpha brothers take time out of their Christmas Party to create a memorable moment.



LEFT: "Hey, does anyone know the words to this song?" The brothers of Kappa Alpha give their rendition of *Grease*. BOTTOM: It may look like winter, but the brothers of KA are actually celebrating their Spring Formal. Blackwater Falls provides them a beautiful backdrop anytime of the year.

ABOVE: Located at the end of College Avenue, the Kappa Alpha house is a home away from home for many brothers. LEFT: The brothers gather before Jump Day '97 gets underway.

Back and Going Strong

Theta Chi was founded over 140 years ago at Norwich University at Norwich, Vermont. Its founders dreamed of a fraternity based on high standards and brothers working toward a common goal. Wesleyan's chapter of Theta Chi was recently rechartered on May 4, 1996. Since its recharterization, the Delta Gamma chapter of Theta Chi has carried out the dream of its founders and in the process, the organization has emerged as a highly recognized fraternity on this campus.

Theta Chi stressed academics above all else and through this they achieved the goal of maintaining the highest overall GPA of all fraternities on campus. This was a high honor and one which the brothers strived for. Through a diversity in brotherhood the brothers of Theta Chi achieved several other goals. These were the capturing of the Presidents Cup, which was awarded to the year's best fraternity, and the completion of over two thousand hours of community service.

Theta Chi participated in several on campus community events as well as several in the Buckhannon community. They participated in Christmas On Campus and the Children's Festival and volunteered at the Special Olympics. In cooperation with the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta they raised money for their philanthropy by holding a Walk-A-Thon. Theta Chi represented well its mottoes: "*Lend a Helping Hand,*" and, "*Alma Mater First, and Theta Chi for Alma Mater.*"

During the first few weeks of school, Aladdin offers the students an outdoor barbecue as a change of pace. Theta Chi brothers know this is a rare occurrence and they jump at the chance to eat some real food.

LEFT: A few Theta Chi brothers take the weekend off from classes trying to relax and keep warm. Did they notice that there is snow on the ground? BELOW: Robby Rhinehardt, Chris Channel, Jason Dubrosky, Matt McCall, Keith Lesch, Blair Webb, and Chris Kellogg are busy with community service, as they help out at the Child Development Center.

ABOVE: Silver Creek provides a relaxing setting for the Theta Chi formal and a chance to play some pool. LEFT: Theta Chi's Fall '96 pledge class appear very happy to have finally received their shirts.

Another Successful Year

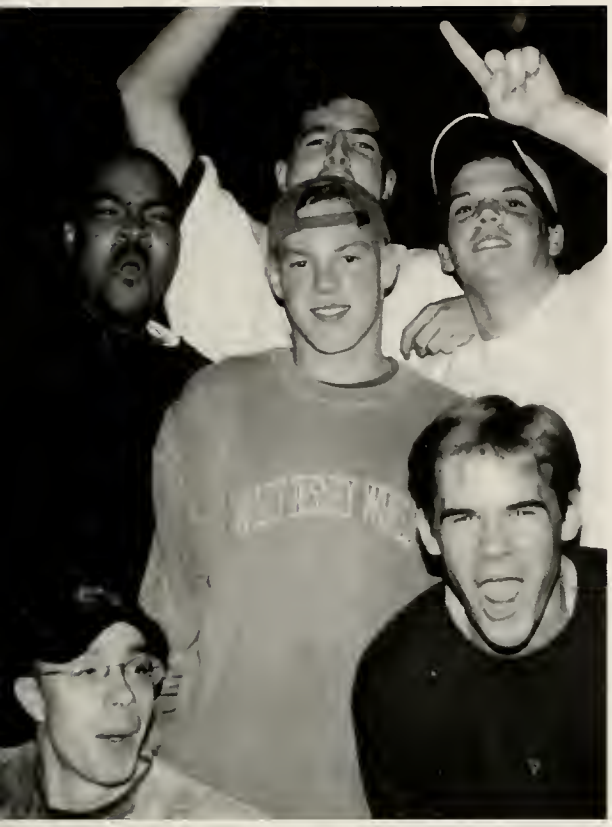
The Kappa Tau Chapter of Theta Xi underwent numerous changes this year. Their biggest and most noticeable change was in their house. They undertook the process of renovating their house on South Kanawha Street during the summer and continued the process through the school year. The house is now safer and was wired for a computer network. Computer hook-ups were put in every room of the house, which will benefit future members since Wesleyan will be an "IBM Thinkpad" college.

In addition to their internal improvements, they helped with many service projects in the community including Adopt-A-Highway, the Children's Festival, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, and The Danny Akers Scholarship Fund. They also lent a helping hand in smaller activities.

Many of the Theta Xi brothers received recognition for both scholastic and community achievements. Mike Mozer was recognized as Greek Man of the Year and Josh Rollins won the Spirit Award for the sophomore class. An additional five brothers received Distinguished Service Awards. Their brotherhood won the fraternity division of Spring Sing and Shad Wachter won best director (fraternity). On the academic level, several brothers received status on the Dean's List and their cumulative GPA remained above the all men's average.

Once again the men of Theta Xi experienced a sucessful year. They topped it off with the addition of eleven new brothers into their bonds during spring pledging.

RIGHT: Hey Brandt Bowman, "What is it we're doing here again?" asks a confused Stew Whilhelm. Brandt doesn't seem to know for sure either. Maybe they can ask Rob Raffety hanging out in the back.



LEFT: One crazy pledge class. Matt Haught, Frank Green, Kevin Jones, Troy Painter, Tim Hollein, Scott Helmick, and Jeff James are proud to be Theta Xi's spring '97 pledge class. BOTTOM: Wild and crazy Theta Xi brothers get a little excited over Bid Weekend.

ABOVE: Mike Mozer should have been dressed in his John Travolta suit if he was going to pose for a Halloween picture. LEFT: Brothers and friends for life: Rob Raffety, Brandt Bowman, Mike Henninger, and James Colgan.

Sophomore soccer player Jamie Samargo prepares to pass. Lacrosse becomes a new addition to women's sports. Athletic Trainer Jay Myers attends to an injured Wesleyan football player.

Wesleyan's many dedicated athletes continued to excel for yet another year within their league and beyond. Student athletes accepted the grueling challenge of balancing their athletic requirements with those of the classroom. This year, Wesleyan's athletic department welcomed a new and successful sport amongst its ranks— women's lacrosse.

Wesleyan's Laura Lynn gets ready to steal the ball from her opponent during a women's away soccer meet.

Sports

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TEAM WORK PRODUCES WINS

The 1996 season saw a realignment in women's soccer which moved the Bobcats into the Northeast Region where Coach Tobin's squad found more aggressive matches against many successful soccer programs. This year's team completed the challenging season by finishing with a 13-3 record. The Lady Cats were preseason ranked as number 4 in the nation and finished at number 20. The team was led by junior co-captains Jen Comtois and Laura Lynn, and senior Bridget Roberts.

Juli Hanrath led the team in points and goals. She tallied 18 goals tying Assistant Coach Linda Bauer's single season scoring record. Hanrath also tied the record for most goals, four, scored in one game. Junior midfielder Jenny Newkirk followed Hanrath with 9 goals and 5 assists for a total of 23 points. Comtois, Donahue, Monroney, and Roberts were the components of the Lady Cats strong defense. DeMayo and Peterson, the goalkeepers, allowed only 15 goals scored all season.

Row 1: Laura Lynn, January Tantalo, Carla Filippetti, Amy Adams, Fram Margolis, Becky Nash, Carrie Joyce, Missy Mathews, Jenny Newkirk. Row2: Head Coach Libbie Tobin, Kim Pederson, Juli Hanrath, Tara Donahue, Jen Comtois Nicole Monroney, Pam Gale, Jessie Englehardt, Kim DeMayo, Asst. Coach Linda Bauer.

Right: Junior Juli Hanrath works on controlling the ball.

Left: Junior Carla Filapetti prepares to pass the ball away from an aggressive opponent. Below: Last year's top goal scorer junior Jenny Newkirk displays her own style attempting to control the ball.

Left: Sophomore Juli Hanrath demonstrates some good footwork as she keeps the ball under control. Above: Senior Becky Nash shows her determination to keep her attacker away from the ball.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Women's Soccer
13-3

	WC	Opp
Cannon(PA)	5	1
Bloomsburg(PA)	1	4
Phil. Text(PA)	1	4
Wheeling Jesuit	3	0
Univ. Charleston	7	1
California(PA)	6	0
Queens(NC)	5	1
Oakland	0	1
Ashland(OH)	3	0
Indiana(PA)	2	0
Mercyhurst	1	0
East Stroudsburg(PA)	2	1
High Point(NC)	4	0
Longwood(Va)	9	0
Findlay(OH)	3	2
Tiffin(OH)	1	1

MEN'S SOCCER

Success Builds A Strong Future

For the 14th time the men's soccer team proved to have no equal in the WVIAC by capturing the conference title in resounding fashion. Their third in a row came in a 6-0 whitewash of the University of Charleston in a snowstorm. Both teams were nationally ranked in NCAA II at the time and a post-season bid was at stake.

The conference title propelled the Bobcats to a second seed in their first NCAA tournament appearance in history. While the Bobcats eventually lost to national runner-up Oakland 0-2, the season was a tremendous success. The Cats finished at 17-5-1 and found new hope for the future in a team that loses only three senior starters.

Senior Wilco Ravestyn received many honors including WVIAC Player of the Year, NCAA II All-American and the prestigious Umbro Senior Classic. Team captain and senior Brad Leszcynski received WVIAC 1st Team Honors and All-South Atlantic Region Honors.

The other exciting factor that became evident in this year's team was its ability to make the matches exciting to fans. Goals were generated at a record pace this year as sophomore Geir Stabaek and freshman Rune Thuestad provided 19 and 22 repectively. The team overall produced 82 goals this year and most of the scoring production returns next year.

Row 1: Bobby Helmick (Student Trainer), Will Glav, Brandon Fox, John Wehrle, Aaron Szager, Kale Bushmeyer, Misker Gizaw, Rachel Bury (Manager). Row 2: Angel Gray, Brandon Badinger, Wilco Ravestyn, Tod Donhauser, Nambiri Bastos, David Burgess,Brad Leszcynski, Mohammed Abdelghaffer, Stephen George, Chris McMaster, Even Roestoen, Geir Stabaek, Brian Ferguson. Row 3: Coach Gavin Donaldson, Sean McDougall, Rohan Cassells, Yoshikazu Osada, Reece Hudson, Mike Hines, Dane Street.

Right: David Burgess maintains control to get past opponents.

Left: Wesleyan goalkeeper Rohan Cassells gets above the crowd as he saves this one for the Cats. Bottom: Senior Wilco Ravestyn concentrates as he maneuvers to keep the ball from his opponents. Below: Game after game, the victorious Bobcats share their celebration with teammates.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Men's Soccer
17-1-4

	WC	Opp
U. So. Indiana	5	1
Ind.-Purdue Ft Wayne	7	0
So. Connecticut	1	3
CW Post(NY)	3	2
Oakland(MI)	1	3
Grand Canyon(AZ)	4	2
Charleston	2	1
William & Mary	2	5
Shepherd	7	2
Davis & Elkins	6	0
Dowling	1	0
Gannon	3	0
Salem Teikyo	5	2
I.U.P.U.I.	7	0
Ashland	3	0
Wheeling Jesuit	4	0
East Stroudsburg	3	1
Alderson-Broaddus	0	0
California(PA)	4	1
Mercyhurst(PA)	1	2

VOLLEYBALL

Regional Loss Ends Record Season

Wesleyan volleyball ended its season with a record of 36-6 overall and 14-0 in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC). Wesleyan was upset in the Atlantic Region final of the NCAA II Tournament by the #3 seed, Edinboro, 15-13, 15-13 and 15-9. The champion Bobcats will carry their NCAA II record of 97 consecutive conference match winning streak in to the 1997 campaign.

Head Coach Jaime Gordon entered his first season with the Bobcats with a talented core of veterans to balance one of the largest recruiting classes in Wesleyan history. Kelly Sabol, a middle hitter, and Sonya Seifert, an outside hitter, represented the team's senior leadership.

The junior duo of setter Susan Wren and outside hitter Julie Kasprzak were All-Region Tournament selections. Top newcomers included freshmen Claire Fontenot, Gretchen Zechmen, Charla Holmes, and Jenny Zipf.

1996 Volleyball Squad: Row 1: Charla Holmes, Gretchen Zechman, Susan Wren, Krista Poole, Heather Thompson, Cristina Adams Row 2: Claire Fonenot, Julie Kazprzak, Sonya Seifert, Amie Boyer, Kristy Barnett, Amy McCall, Meigan Todd Row 3: Head Coach Jamie Gordon, Kelly Sobol, Amanda Keppel, Aleaxa Harrington, Jenny Zipf, Gara Wright, Elizabeth Lurz, Graduate Assistant, Caroline Travis.

Right: Lady Cats cheer themselves onto another victory.

Left: Volleyball matches provide Wesleyan fans with something to cheer about. Bottom: Traditional handshakes signal another victory for the Lady Cats. Below: First-year Head Coach Jaime Gordon provides some time out strategies for his talented squad

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Volleyball
35 - 6

	WC	Opp
Wisc. Parkside	3	0
West Chester	3	1
Mercyhurst	3	0
California (PA)	3	0
Juniata	1	3
Edinboro	1	3
Slippery Rock	3	0
Mercyhurst	3	0
Gannon	3	0
Ashland	3	2
Lock Haven	3	1
Edinboro	1	
Juniata	2	
WV Tech	3	0
Indiana (PA)	3	0
Dowling	3	3
Lock Haven	3	1
Juniata	0	3
Sheppherd	3	0
Salem-Teikyo	3	0
Alderson-Broaddus	3	0
Glenville	3	0
Glenville	3	1
Slippery Rock	3	0
Indiana (PA)	3	0
Salem-Teikyo	3	0
WV State	3	0
Concord	3	0
Alderson-Broaddus	3	1
Elon	3	0
Presbyterian	3	1
Catawba	3	0
Francis Marion	1	
Charleston	3	
West Liberty	3	
Fairmont	3	
Wheeling Jesuit	3	
Fairmont State	3	
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CROSS COUNTRY

Injuries Plague Runners' Season

Unexpected success triggered by hearts of iron and tireless work out-distanced the Wesleyan men's and women's cross country teams from a 1996 season full of adversity. The women's team ran away with its second consecutive WVIAC Championship title, while men, winners of the 1994 and 1995 titles, finished as the conference's third best team.

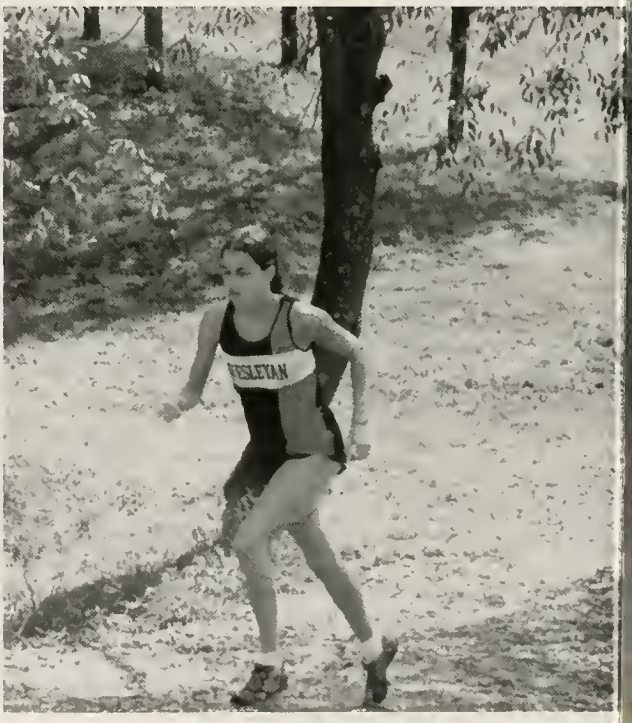
One word exemplified the Bobcat season: injury. Top prospect Carrie Holdinsky suffered early from bouts of sickness that kept her away from the sport all season. Sophomore Heather Zakrzweski was crippled by lower leg stress fractures that kept her out of the running for most of 1996, but she came back in the championship meet to finish eleventh.

Still the Bobcats bounced back. The women led by junior Summer Finnegan placed first in four of seven 1996 meets, including the championship at Bluefield. Filling in the vacated spots left by injury were sophomores Sara Walker and Melba Munoz, whose finishes often decided the team's victory.

On the men's side, 1996 rookie of the year sophomore Chris Sappey and sophomores Mark Jones and Jonathan Ramezan led the way. Junior Rick Dotson also impacted the team as a top-20 runner.

Of the Wesleyan runners to be named 1996 All-WVIAC were: Sappey, Jones, Ramezan, Finnegan, Walker and Munoz.

Above: Row 1: Sara Walker, Katie Eldrigde,Valerie Smith, Leslie Molmaro, Jennny Jageman. Row 2: Coach Jesse Skiles, Patty Hargraves, Megan Shriver, Heather Zakrzeswski, Christy Castle, Melba Munoz, Summer Finnigan, Carrie Holdinsky, Ass't. Coach Sawne Armstrong.



Right: Freshman Christy Castle heads toward the finish line.

Left: Bobcat runners head up the last hill to finish the meet. Below: Senior Robert Rhinehart keeps the pace as he completes his last season at Weslevan. Bottom: Sophomore Melba Munoz's extra effort in place of injured runners helps push the Cats to victory.

ow 1: Derek Finegan, Juan Phillips, Chris Sappey, Mark Jones, Rick Dotson, Robert Rinehart. Row 2: Coach Jesse iles, Jonathan Ramezan, Sean Whelan, Patrick Doyle, Robert Akers, Ryan Morgan, Eric Foley, Ass't. Coach Sawne rmstrong.

FOOTBALL

Talented Players Ignite Disappointing Season

Wesleyan's football team finished a disappointing and controversial season at 4 wins and 6 losses. Seven Bobcats were named to the first team All-WVIAC squad after the 1996 contests. Overall, 17 Wesleyan players were mentioned for All-WVIAC awards.

Four Bobcats made their mark this year. Senior kicker Eric Myers ended his career as Wesleyan's all-time leading scorer and the NCAA II career leader in kick scoring per game. Junior Robert Epps set Wesleyan receiving records for touchdowns and yards in a season. Sophomore quarterback Scott Gasper also set a record with his 16 consecutive games with a touchdown pass.

Senior tailback Moe Cooper has finished his 28-game career. During that time, he gained 2,857 yards on 562 carries.

Members on the first team All-WVIAC squad were Moe Cooper, Jevon Dolan, Robert Hogan, Robert Epps, Eric Myers, Joe O'Neil, and Vaki Ross.

Row 1: Eric Myers, Brad Whited, Joe O'Neill, Stewart Price, Sheldon Cooper, Julius Purkney, Keary Millard Ryann Bartemeyer, Tony Niedda, Scott Gasper, Larry Drugmand, Mike Davis Heath Adams Row 2: Roman Slatet, Chris Mullans, Frank Jorden, Jason Dawson, Gerald Searcy, Cornelius Lockhart, Robert Epps, Jason Bishop, Jason Dubrasky, John Goodall, Greg Zickefoose. Row 3: Andre Woods, Paul Fatigate, Jeff Brown, Mike Grippo, Ernie Samples, Luke Rychlik, Edward King, Jason Nicewarner, Richard Malcolm, Josh Ray, Kelvin Young, Foster Carnes. Row 4: Brandon Quinn, Vaki Ross, Jeff Goehring, Carmen Eneta, Ken Mott, Dante Williams, John Houck, Renard Whitfield, Jeff Howerbush, Blan Webb, Dan Spears. Row 5: Dave Butka, Mark Farr, Jay Jones, Adam Martiny, Keith Kuziora, Jonathan Pretlow, Ryan Schauer, Ceasar Reveron, Pat Courtemanche Row 6: Brian VanMeter, Darrin McMillon, Robert Hogan, John Orellana, Douglas Gasch, Bill Nevins, Troy schilano, Martin Padula, Todd Roush. Row 7: Zack Kilburn, Matt Wolpers, Jason Temple, Nathan Hassett, Thomas Goughenour, David Ward, Darrin Dillow, Jevon Dolan. Row 8: Brian Jozwiak, Brian Smie, Tim Weaver, Bill Stimble, Brian Dugan, Phil Clifford, Terry Boyles, Sean Brady, Raphael Dowdye.

Left: Sophomore quarterback Scott Gasper, career passing percentage leader for the Bobcats, looks downfield for his receivers. Bottom: Offensive Line Coach Brian Jozwiak meets with his troops on the sideline to discuss the next play. Below: Outstanding senior kicker Eric Myers continues his record winning ways for one last season.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Football
4-6

	WV	Opp
Clarion	14	38
Slippery Rock	24	26
California(PA)	24	10
West Virginia Tech	51	0
Shepherd	54	21
Glenville	35	42
West Virginia State	34	12
West Liberty	34	59
Concord	42	57
Fairmont	17	20

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Young Lady Cats Perform Consistently

Having such a young group of women playing for Wesleyan's tennis team was good news for Coach Smith. The team finished with a 15-1 record. Three of the Lady Cats won titles at the WVIAC Tournament, leaving the prospects for the next season to be high.

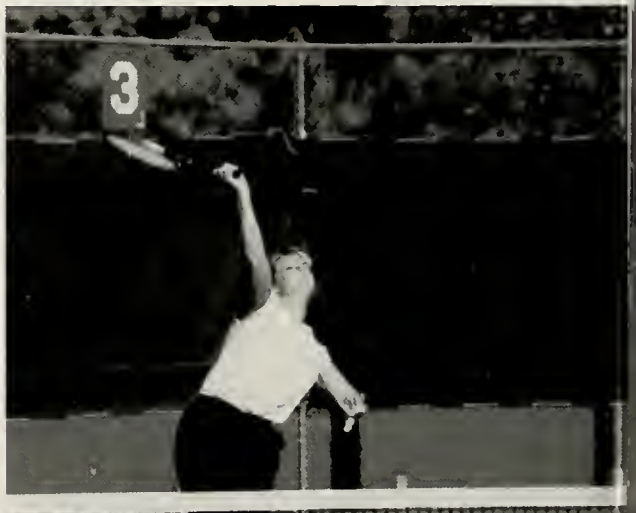
Sophomore Susan Harris ended the season with a perfect 16-0 record as fourth seed. Harris and junior Jen Cole paired for the second seed in doubles. Cole was also #3 singles at the WVIAC Tournament.

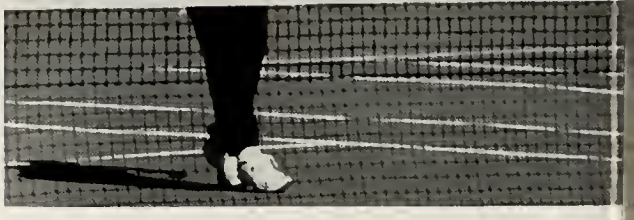
A sophomore from Germany, Eva Lindenmaier won the #6 singles at the tournament. She played doubles with Simone Williams as the third seed.

Wesleyan's top seed was Aubryn Falk who ended the season with 9 wins and 7 losses. Newcomer Dawn Vighetti contributed strongly to the team's success by finishing with 12-4 in singles.

Head Coach Smith was very pleased with the team's accomplishments.

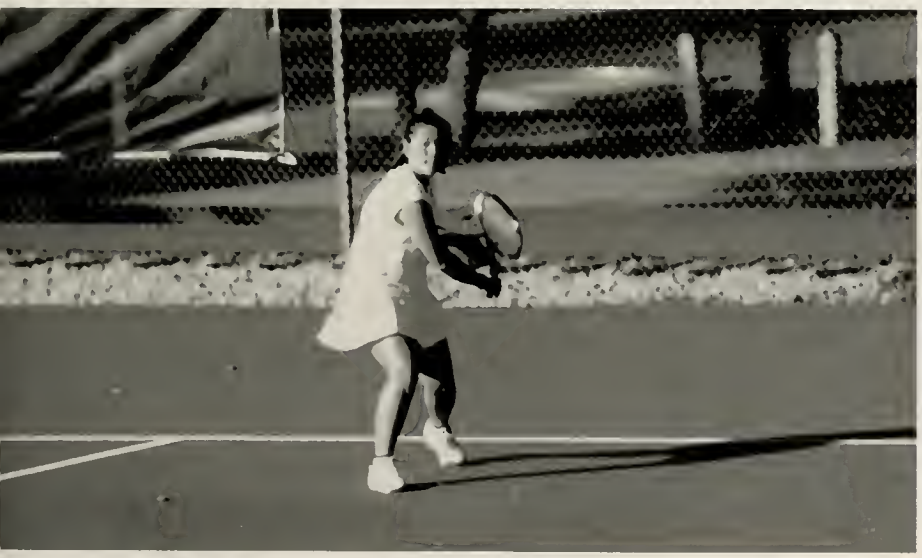
Row 1: Eva Lindenmaier, Mary Ann Narutowicz, Simone Wilhams, Jen Cole, Susan Harris, Dawn Vighetti, Jessica Foreman Row 2: Ass't Coach Steve Bohman, Nicole Lebosse, Aubryn Falk, Ila Hiserman, Deana Shirley, Melisssa Bassett, Head Coach Jim Smith.





Right: Freshman Dawn Vighetti reaches high to serve.

Left: Junior Jen Cole is anxiously waiting for the opposing team to return the ball while playing doubles with sophomore Susan Harris. Bottom: Sophomore Mary Ann Narutowicz watches the ball as it quickly approaches her racket. Below: Sophomore Aubryn Falk who was Weslevan's top seed, watches the ball as she finishes her ferocious swing.



WHAT'S THE SCORE

Women's Tennis
15-1

	WC	Opp
Charleston	5	2
Davis & Elkins	5	2
Bluefield	6	1
Salem-Teikyo	7	0
Shepherd	6	1
WV State	7	0
Davis & Elkins	5	2
West Liberty	5	2
Fairmont	7	0
Frostburg	7	0
Indiana U. of PA	7	0
Charleston	5	2
WV Tech	7	0
Concord	7	0
Bluefield	7	0
Fairmont	7	0

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Youth and Injuries Highlight Season

Early injuries to key starters Christina Jost and Carrie Newcomb may have been an omen for the young Cats. The absence of these players helped foster the freshmen, gave them time to play, learn and come into their own late in the season.

The 1996 season saw the end of senior Lina Robinson's three-year career as a Lady Bobcat. Junior captain Jennifer Pennell continued to make her presence known on the court. Sophomore guard Amanda Rafferty maintained her three-point accuracy. Freshmen standouts included Julie Fregetto and Jaime Jones.

The season finale came at the WVIAC Tournament where Wesleyan's Lady Cats loss to West Liberty State marked the fourth straight at the hands of the Hilltoppers in the conference quarterfinals.

When all except Robinson return healthy, the outlook for Coach Flaherty's ladies appears bright.

Row 1: Stacy Snyder, Shannon Soares, Jennifer Pennell, Jaime Jones, Amanda Rafferty, Suzy Yaramishyn, Christina Jost, Carrie Newcomb Row 2: Beth Deskins, Ass't Coach Stacia Rustad, Ass't Coach Lina Robinson, Phyllis Harley, Madelyn Scarbery, Jessica Groux, Julie Fregetto, Tammi Adams, Head Coach Lori Flaherty.

Right: Scholar athlete Lina Robinson reaches for her shot at the basket.

Left: Amanda Rafferty dribbles past her Fairmont State opponent. Below: Madeline Scarberry releases her shot as players get ready for the basket or the rebound.
Bottom: Head Coach Lori Flaherty discusses the next series of plays with her Lady Bobcats.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Women's Basketball
5 - 16

	WV	Opp
Mercyhurst	60	101
St. Vincent	55	56
Le Moyne	65	74
Mansfield	63	61
Glenville	54	46
WV State	105	45
Edinboro Univ.	71	78
Salem-Teikyo	54	64
Davis & Elkins	63	61
Wheeling Jesuit	62	80
Fairmont State	56	79
Shepherd	62	53
Bluefield State	62	85
Concord	68	74
WV Tech	67	73
Alderson Broaddus	62	76
West Liberty	64	86
U. Charleston	59	81
Fairmont State	72	74
Pitt Johnstown	57	79

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cats Struggle But Gain Experience

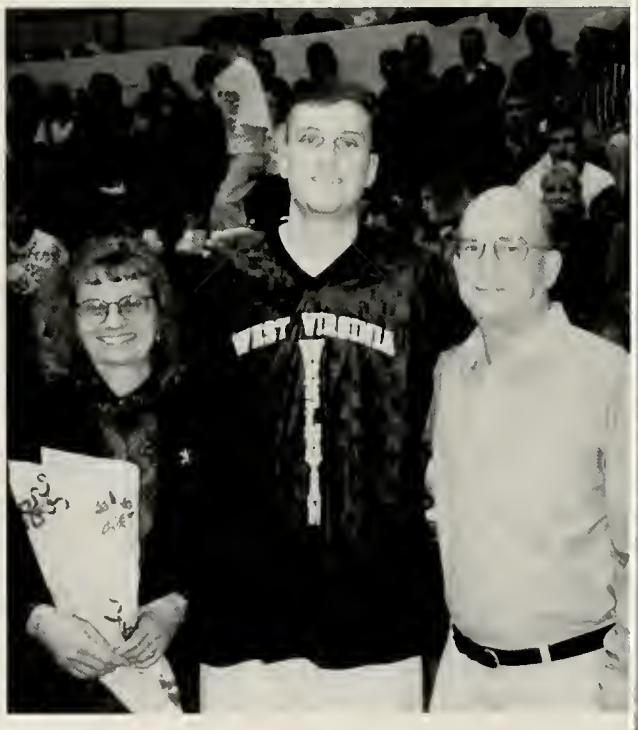
Men's basketball struggled all season long in the win-loss column, but the team's players gained valuable experience, as well as developed a cohesive group of young men who are ready to make a difference in the coming years.

Junior Cameron Mack continued to be a positive force inside for Coach Charlie Miller. Also juniors Kevin Williams and Matt Hiserman provided great shooting this season. Coach Miller saw good productivity from freshmen Kendall Ellis and Jason Jordan.

Cameron Mack was named to Second Team All-WVIAC. Returning players for next season will include seniors Cameron Mack, Kevin Williams, and Matt Hiserman; junior Rhashii Booth; and sophomores Kendall Ellis and Jason Jordan.

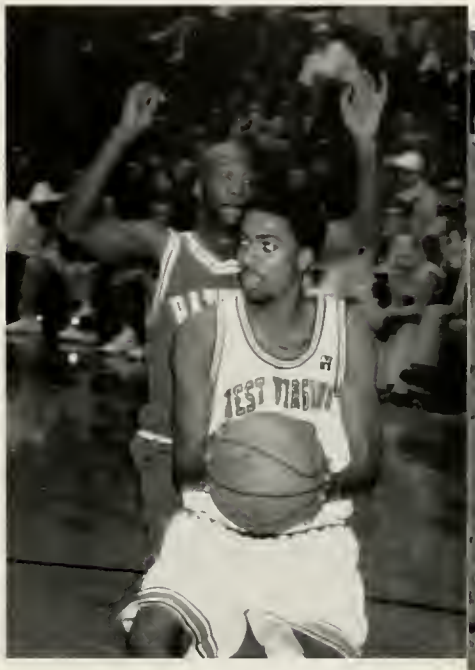
With a disappointing record of 3 wins and 23 losses, Head Coach Charlie Miller hopes the young, talented players returning will be ready to make a difference for Bobcat basketball.

Row 1: Jason Jordan, Kibwe Streater, Matt Hiserman, Jared Wollenberg, J.J. Thorn, Zarbrae Grant, Kevin Williams, Sean Coleman, Rashii Booth Row 2: Ass't Coach Chris Meighen, Head Coach Charlie Miller, Kendall Ellis, Cameron Mack, Sean Green, Alfie Brody, Tal Thompson, Ass't Coach Dondi Flemister, Manager Caryn Charlton



Right: Senior Alfie Brody stands with his parents as they were introduced to the fans on senior night.

Left: Outstanding junior Cameron Mack beats his opponent to the basket for the Bobcats. Below: Kendall Ellis gets ready to pass to a teammate to keep the ball in play. Bottom: Head Coach Charlie Miller discusses the next play with his Bobcats.



WHAT'S THE SCORE

Men's Basketball
3-23

	Wt	Opp
Cheyney State	66	81
College of WV	71	80
Pitt-Johnstown	68	85
Longwood	54	65
Catawba	53	55
Glenville State	65	70
West Virginia State	80	63
Edinboro Univ (PA)	61	58
Norfolk State(VA)	55	80
Salem Teikyo	67	81
Davis and Elkins	89	67
Wheeling Jesuit	74	92
Fairmont State	56	67
Shepherd	80	88
Bluefield State	61	71
Concord	70	79
WV Tech	64	62
Alderson Broaddus	84	92
West Liberty	69	100
U of Charleston	68	71
Fairmont State	58	96
Glenville State	64	67
Bluefield State	54	90
Concord	84	87
WVU Tech	69	
Alderson Broaddus	68	81

RIGHT: Dane Street tries to hold off the opposing team so his teammates can make a run for the goal. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the Bobcat football team shake hands with their opponents. BOTTOM RIGHT: The crowd is hushed as Kendall Ellis goes for a jump shot.

LEFT. Scott Jasper looks for an opening and goes out for the pass with his teammates in sight down field. BOTTOM. Senior Patty Hargraves is cheered on by fellow cross country runners in the last leg of her race. Below: Susan Harris sends one right back to an opponent and dares her to return it.

SOFTBALL

Striving For Seven in '97

One thing should be learned from the sweep by the West Virginia Wesleyan College softball team at the conference tournament—never count the Lady Cats out.

For the seventh straight year, hence team motto "Striving for Seven in '97", the Lady Bobcats blew past the competition en route to another conference crown. For the third consecutive year, they had to go through Alderson-Broaddus to accomplish their goal.

Tournament MVP Nancy Stonestreet tallied 12 homers, ranking among the nation's top ten, and recorded 22 additional extra base hits to lead the team and conference. Named to All-Tournamount were Kay Ann Fails, Adrienne Smythe, and Angela Demel.

Catcher Kay Ann Fail was named by Coach Warner as the team's most improved player. For the third time, Demel was named Conference Pitcher of the Year and Nancy Stonestreet was named Player of the Year.

Row 1: Laura Leviere, Cheryl Martin, Keri Russell, Nancy Stonestreet, Melessa Wohlebet. Row 2: Jaime Jones, Jaimi Wahl, Kay Ann Fails, Jaimie Niemczura, Adrienne Smythe, Jen Morris, Emily Newman. Row 3: Ass't Coach Jaime Gordon, Amy Willong, Head Coach Steve Warner, Angela Demel, Ass't Coach Keith Moran.

Right: Pitcher Nancy Stonestreet sends her pitch to the plate.

Left: Pitcher of the Year Angela "Tex" Demel winds up to deliver her next pitch. Below: Lady Cats pause for a discussion of strategies inbetween plays.
Below: Seven time conference champions Lady Cats pose with their trophies.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Softball
35-12

	W	Opp
Kutztown	1	0
NY Inst. of Tech	4	1
Concord College	6	0
Pfeifer College	8	0
WVU Tech	7	0
Gannon(PA)	4	3
Shipensburg	12	11
St. Peter's College	2	3
Catawba College	4	5
Catawba College	3	1
Wingate College	6	0
Wingate College	0	3
Pfeifer College	5	2
Pfeifer College	1	2
Limestone College	5	1
Limestone College	2	3
Lenoir Rhyne	3	2
Lenoir Rhyne	6	1
Queens	4	1
Queens	2	3
Fairmont State	1	0
Fairmont State	5	2
Shepherd College	8	0
Shepherd College	6	9
WV State	7	4
WV State	0	1
Salem Teikyo	8	0
Salem Teikyo	12	4
Davis & Elkins	2	5
Davis & Elkins	14	3
Charleston	5	2
Charleston	3	2
Alderson-Broaddus	6	11
Alderson-Broaddus	0	10
Bluefield State	8	0
Bluefield State	22	0
West Liberty	6	1
West Liberty	6	4

BASEBALL

Bobcat Baseball Runs Fourth In 1997

After winning the past two conference titles in 1995 and 1996, the Wesleyan baseball team, facing hearty conference competition, could not find a third crown in 1997. "Our guys played well, good enough to make it to the conference championship in Princeton,"said head coach Randy Tenney.

Sophomore Dennis Emison's .400 average made him team batting champ and second-team All-West Virginia Conference. Performances by freshmen Shawn Greer, Ben Gerkin, and Ryan Stout gave the team a necessary youthful boost on both offensive and defensive ends of the game.

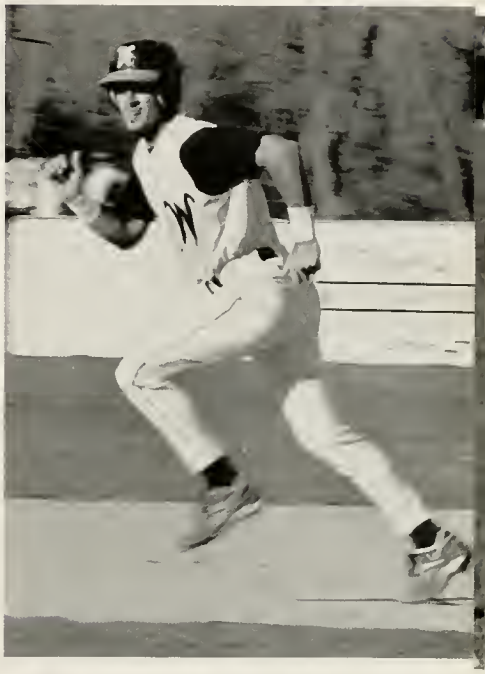
Junior shortstop Lou Capolupo led the team with 48 RBIs. The homerun champ in 1997 was junior first baseman Ben Cornish.

Senior outfielder Mike Federman's 28 RBIs and 42 hits were the team's second best marks in both catagories. The 1-2 pitching punch of seniors Eric Hott and Bill Everly created problems for conference foes all season long. With a 9-2 record and 65 strikeouts, Hott ranked among the best NCAA Division II pitchers.

The West Virginia Conference Pitcher of the Year was Everly who recorded 100 strikeouts to lead the team and the conference. In May, Everly signed a professional contract with the Johnstown Steel, an independent league baseball team.

Row 1: Chad Hachat, Aaron Mann, Yuswke Hasegawa, Tim Rosati, Bill Everly, Josh Woods, Matthew Taylor, James Sarver, Mike McCort, John Samek. Row 2: Lou Capolupo, Eric Carpenter, Gary Slagle, Mike Federman, Dennis Emison, Shawn Greer, James Shearer, Justin Hunter, Drew Mason, Brian Nevius, Eric Hott. Row 3: Chad Underwood, Ben Gerkin, Mike Dempton, Rick Richardson, Bill Nevius, Scott Robinette, Chad Moore, Ryan Stout, Keith Vedral, Ben Cornish, Lee Bradley Asst. Coach Jeff Martin, Coach Randy Tenney, Asst. Coach Joe Brown.

Left: Sophomore Dennis Emison, team batting champ, prepares to tag his opponent. Bottom: Junior shortstop Lou Capolupo watches intensely as pitcher Bill Everly releases to the next batter. Below: Senior outfielder Mike Federman works his way around the base.



WHAT'S THE SCORE

Baseball
26-20

	WC	Opp
California(PA)	6	9
California(PA)	5	0
Edinboro	2	1
Edinboro	9	1
Slippery Rock	1	3
Slippery Rock	1	8
North Central	6	9
North Central	4	5
Central Methodist	3	1
Manchester	9	0
Bethune Cookman	5	4
Central Methodist	4	2
Taylor College	14	13
Greenville College	22	10
Rollins College	7	17
North Central	3	4
S. Connecticut State	8	5
Lakeland	11	3
Greenville College	7	4
S. Connecticut State	13	5
Maryland E. Shore	15	5
Taylor College	1	2
Concordia College	8	11
Charleston	4	6
Charleston	5	1
Bluefield State	6	4
Bluefield State	13	1
Shepherd	2	12
Shepherd	4	9
WV Tech	8	3
WV Tech	11	0
Fairmont	7	8
Fairmont	1	3
Alderson-Broaddus	2	0
Alderson-Broaddus	12	1
Concord	14	7

TRACK AND FIELD

Still Running Strong In 1997

Posting a 30-7 overall record and 13-2 in the conference, the men's team placed five athletes on the all-conference list, including freshmen Robert Akers (800-meter run) and Robert Hardin (discus), sophomore Mony Keth (triple jump), junior Mike Speidel (400-meter hurdles) and senior Paul Paulsen (pole vault).

Freshman Hardin led the team in total points with 76 and was selected as the West Virginia Conference Men's Field Athlete of the Year.

Team co-captain Keth came in second with a 45-10 score in the triple jump which gave him a second consecutive all-conference title.

The women's track and field team went undefeated in the conference (15-0) and buried the competition for its sixth consecutive conference championship.

Leading the pack was Sarah Walker who was awarded four all-conference nominations in the 400-meter run, the 800-meter run, the 1500-meter run, and the 4x400-meter relay.

Senior Jennifer Johnson was named the conference women's Track Athlete of the Year for the second straight season. The conference women's Field Athlete of the Year was Mandy Mack.

Other all-conference honories in the 4x400-meter relay were Megan Clark, Meg Delano, Erica Horlbogen, Julie Kasprzak, Miranda Marple, and Jaclyn Sprague.

Row 1: Mandy Mack, Anne Webb, Joelle Rubino, Jenna Piper, Sara Walker. Row 2: Joanna Cook, Megan Clark, Miranda Marple, Jessica Wright, Erica Horlbogen, Jenni Jageman, Megan Shriver Row. 3: Erin Dorsey, Jaclyn Sprague, Amy McCall, Karri Smith, Jennifer Johnson, Christy Castle, Heather Zakrzewski, Melba Munoz, Meg Delano

Right: Amy McCall beats her opponent to the finish line.

LEFT: Hurdler Jen Johnson displays great form as she stretches for a lead position. BELOW: Mike Salvati stretches for the final lap around the Wesleyan's track.

Row 1: Aaron Yates, Kevin Jones, Mike Salvati, Jessup Thibodeau, Jason Keeling, Derek Finegan. Row 2: John Goodall, Chris Sappey, Jason Brewer, Lester Coronado, Monv Keth, Pete Powell. Row 3: Paul Paulsen, Robert Hardin, Chris Garrett, P.J. Musilli, Patrick Doyle, Robert Akers, Will Wevandt.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Track and Field
Men and Women

	W	M
Marshall University	3rd	3rd
Carnegie-Melon	2nd	4th
Glenville State	1st	1st
Frostburg	1st	1st
Indiana U. of PA	2nd	2nd
WVIAC Tourn.	1st	2nd

GOLF, MEN'S TENNIS, SWIMMING

On The Greens, On the Court, and in the Pool

The golf team exceeded everyone's expectations this past year. The Bobcats struggled in the beginning of the season simply from lack of experience. But, by the fourth tournament in Ohio, inexperience wasn't a factor. Senior Corey Glass, junior Todd Condron, and freshman Jarred Cost all played exceptionally well at the Ohio match.

The men's tennis team was very successful this year. The team was lead by four seniors—Scott Fenton, Jeff Smith, Sean Gregory and Brandt Bowman. The team took a 17-5 record into the conference championship.

The men's and women's swim teams both had very successful seasons. In the Penn-Ohio Conference, both teams had a combined victory. The women's team finished first for the third season in a row, while the men's team had a fifth place finish. Team highlights include three National Qualifiers—Scott Olson, Mike Kelton, and Stacy Brown. Olson became a four-time All-American with a personal best and school record in the 200 IM with a time of 1:51.98. Kelton was All-American in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 50.54. Brown was a three-time Honorable Mention All-American, including a 2:06.63 in the 200 Backstroke.

Bobcat Golf: Cory Glass, Mike Carpenedo, Jared Cost, Todd Condron, Keith Lesch, Travis Bailey, Aaron Boylan.

Men's Tennis: Row 1: Ryan Clarke, Brandt Bowman, Jeff Smith Seam Gregory. Row 2: Brian DeHaven, Scott Fenton, Asst. Coach Steve Bohman, Head Coach Scott Felix, Erik Braun, Jared Luteran.

Left: Swimmers Mike Kelton, Scott Olson, Steve McKinney, Jeff Carlson stand ready to receive their first place award for the 400 Freestyle. Right: Members of Bobcat swim team warm-up for the Penn-Ohio Conference Meet.

Men's Swim Team: Row 1: John Braxton, Mike Kelton, Barry George, Brian George, Alex Hile , Eric Nuchims. Row 2: Dave Klink, Bart Fleming, Gary Snow, Stephen McKinney, Jeffrey Carlson, Scott Olson, Head Coach Scott Felix.

Women's Swim Team: Row 1: Stacy Brown, Jennifer Watts, Crystal Linn, Holly Meyers. Row 2: Nina Manley, Tamai Levitt, Emily Leamer, Tori Likowski, Carolyn Tountillotte. Row 3: Asst. Coach Libbie Tobbin, Karen Brown, Shannon McKinney, Anne Kain, Jill Collette, Kelly Van Fossen, Tricia Kearns, Head Coach Scott Felix.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

First Year: A Big Success

Row 1: Head Coach John Bohman, Veronika Bellerizza, Jenny Fredette, Kari Hudson, Amlyn Deres, Kellie Papatolicas, Mollie Gallagher, Sara Harkins, George Coyne. Row 2: Lata Darbe, Amy Hansen, Joy Snyder, Eileen Letellier, Jodi Rose, Meredith Nile, Erica Smith, Rob Brewster (Student Trainer).

Above: Kari Hudson prepares for her chance against the opponents. Right: Women's lacrosse, in its inaugural season, played very competively for a first-year team.

Jodi Rose, top left, Veronika Bellenzza, above, and Eileen Letellier, left, all work hard to face the many challenges of a first-year team .

SUPPORT SERVICES

Cheerleaders and Trainers Provide Year-Round Support

In preparation for practice and athletic events, the Athletic Training Room was probably the busiest place on campus. On any given day, approximately 24 student athletic trainers reported to the training room to provide injury evaluations, treatment and rehabilitation for the 17 NCAA intercollegiate sports.

Graduating seniors included Sheryl Balzama, Lee Bradley, Rob Brewster, Chanda Brown, Cheryl Brown, Jennifer Comtois, Bobby Helmick and P.J. Musilli.

Staff interns Lisa Bailey and Matt Maust will be missed as they embark on new job opportunities.

The Athletic Training Staff enjoyed new additions of certified athletic trainers John Darmelio and Jan Wolfe. Dennis Porter, director of Mountaineer Physical Therapy, provided administrative and academic support for Jean Fruh, who was on a leave of absence. Jay Myers added his second year to the program.

ABOVE: Row 1: Michelle Hammond, Amy Marshok, Jennifer Law, Amy Starcher, Amber Elkins Row 2: Jamie Tenney, Hollye Galloway, Christy Haynes, Wendy Fiscus Row 3: Erin Hudgins, Anna Stonestreet, Amy Brown

RIGHT: Holly Dickel reaches for the sky during a Wesleyan football game.

LEFT Row 1: Matt Maust, Jan Wolfe, Jay Myers, Lisa Bailey, John Darmelio Row 2: Jen Comtois, Sheryl Balzama, Rob Brewster, Bobby Helmick, Wes Harvey, Lee Bradley, Jamey Harlan Row 3: Makena McKain, Vanita Redkar, Kim Pedersen, Shannon Pikoulas, Emily Newman, Sonja Kemps, Tara Pagan, Courtney Sill, Colleen Lenihan Row 4: Jessie Englehardt, Jon Cox, Rick Richardson, Chris Kutcher, Angela Demel, Exen Roestoen, Seth Hanson, James Coleman

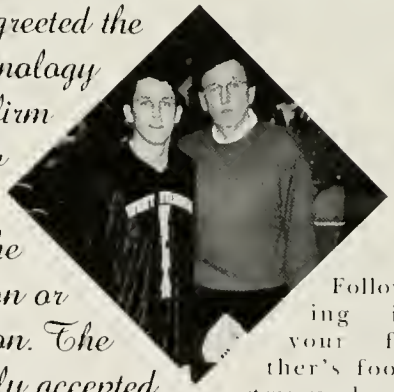
LEFT: Student athletic trainers Wes Harvey and Shannon Pikoulas examine swimmer Jen Watts for possible injury.
ABOVE: Athletic Trainer Jay Myers assists injured football player Dan Spears off the field.

TOP: Nancy Stonestreet is anxiously awaiting the next hit so she can round the bases some more. BOTTOM RIGHT: Sophomore, Eric Foley strides his way to the finish during a cross country meet. BOTTOM LEFT: Kellie Papoliticas is trying to get the ball back from the goalie in an attempt take another shot.

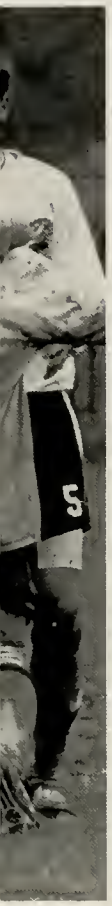
LEFT: Jodie Rose is guarding the ball with her stick as she makes her way down field to the goal. BOTTOM: The softball team has decided to take a few minutes to reflect on the game that is awaiting them. Below: Mony Keth leaps toward the pit of the triple jump.

X-treme Challenges

Wesleyan faculty, staff, and students faced a variety of challenges during the past year — all of which tested the true strenghts of Wesleyan's community. Daily, students perserved the rigorous expectations of their course work. On fields of competition, athletes challenged themselves to higher levels of physical and mental endurance for their respective sport. Faculty and staff greeted the onset of Think Pad technology with apprehension, but with firm resolution to acquire the new knowledge and skills needed. Physically, the campus met each construction or re-modeling challenge head-on. The Wesleyan community proudly accepted all of these challenges — one at a time.



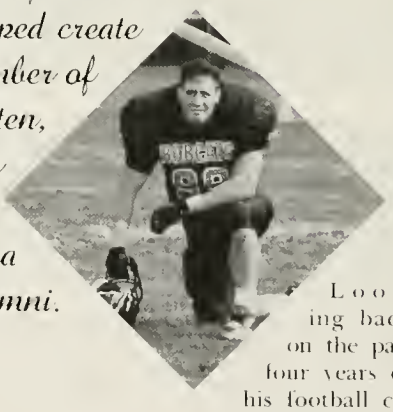
Following in your father's footsteps can be an extreme challenge, as J.J. Thorne discovered during his four years at Wesleyan. However, establishing your own identity can also be a great challenge.



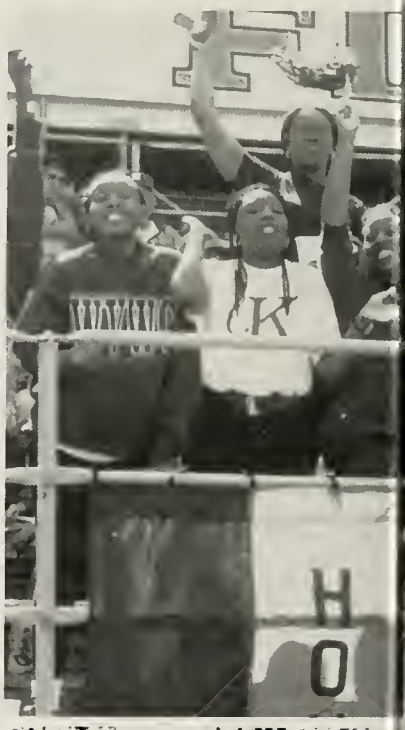
TOP LEFT: Winning becomes the ultimate reward in a challenging game or grueling season. Here, Wesleyan's soccer team enjoys a well-deserved win. TOP RIGHT: Wesleyan's Bobcats know that determination and dedication are what it takes to beat the challenge that football offers. BOTTOM LEFT: Students are not the only ones on campus that face a challenge. Faculty and staff members, such as Rich Clemens and President Haden, share ideas with each other in order to better their strategies and understanding of their students' needs. BOTTOM RIGHT: Hours of practice and hard work make the challenge of competing worthwhile as Andy Sutton, Daniel McLoughlin, Dennis Craig, Ed DiStasio and Jeremy Hofer prove as they participate in the MasterCard Acts Talent Search.

X-treme Memories

Wesleyan's "home among the hils" created a multitude of memories for its students. Each year held its own unique recollections, which culminated with students' graduation. A wide variety of experiences contributed to the memory package that students created. Classroom activities, sporting events, social programs, volunteer experiences, personal relationships all helped create fond memories for each member of Wesleyan's community. Often, the value of these memories were not realized until the students returned to their alma mater, as alumni.



Looking back on the past four years of his football career, senior Jevon Dolan takes a moment after a game to reflect on fond Bobcat memories.



TOP LEFT: During an open mic held in the Back Seat, Jennifer Doerr and Mony Keith provide a performance that their friends will not soon forget. TOP RIGHT: Friends are not the only means of creating memories at college. Family members, such as Tal Thompson's father and mother, also share in the memory process here at Wesleyan. BOTTOM LEFT: Time spent with friends is always memorable no matter where or how it is spent. Here, members of the Black Student Union enjoy each other's company while cheering on the home team during a Bobcat football game. BOTTOM RIGHT: Faculty and staff share in the memory-making at Wesleyan with all of the help and guidance they provide for students during the school year.

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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
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Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.
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